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(54) Title: UREA SUBSTITUTED IMIDAZOQUINOLINES

(57) Abstract: Imidazoquinoline and tetrahydroimidazoquinoline compounds that contain urea, thiourea, acylurea, or sulfonylurea functionality at the 1-position are useful as immune response modifiers. The compounds and compositions of the invention can induce the biosynthesis of various cytokines and are useful in the treatment of a variety of conditions including viral diseases and neoplastic diseases.

Urea Substituted Imidazoquinolines

Field of the Invention

This invention relates to imidazoquinoline compounds that have a substituent at the 1-position containing urea, thiourea, acylurea or sulfonylurea functionality, to pharmaceutical compositions containing such compounds, and to pharmaceutical compositions containing imidazoquinoline compounds that have carbamate functionality at the 1-position. A further aspect of this invention relates to the use of these compounds as immunomodulators, for inducing cytokine biosynthesis in animals, and in the treatment of diseases, including viral and neoplastic diseases.

Background of the Invention

The first reliable report on the 1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinoline ring system, Backman et al., J. Org. Chem. 15, 1278-1284 (1950) describes the synthesis of 1-(6-methoxy-8-quinolinyl)-2-methyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinoline for possible use as an antimalarial agent. Subsequently, syntheses of various substituted 1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*] quinolines were reported. For example, Jain et al., J. Med. Chem. 11, pp. 87-92 (1968), synthesized the compound 1-[2-(4-piperidyl)ethyl]-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinoline as a possible anticonvulsant and cardiovascular agent. Also, Baranov et al., Chem. Abs. 85, 94362 (1976), have reported several 2-oxoimidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolines, and Berenyi et al., J. Heterocyclic Chem. 18, 1537-1540 (1981), have reported certain 2-oxoimidazo[4,5-c]quinolines.

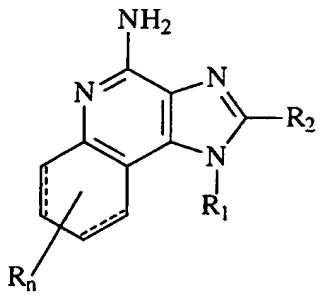
Certain 1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-4-amines and 1- and 2-substituted derivatives thereof were later found to be useful as antiviral agents, bronchodilators and immunomodulators. These are described in, *inter alia*, U.S. Patent Nos. 4,689,338; 4,698,348; 4,929,624; 5,037,986; 5,268,376; 5,346,905; and 5,389,640, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

There continues to be interest in the imidazoquinoline ring system. For example, EP 894 797 describes imidazoquinoline type compounds that bear an amide containing substituent at the 1- position. The specification of this patent teaches that the active compounds of this series require a terminal amine substituent that may be incorporated into a heterocyclic ring. As another example, WO 00/09506 describes imidazopyridine

and imidazoquinoline compounds that may have an amide or urea containing substituent at the 1-position. The compounds described in this publication as having utility contain a 1-substituent wherein the amide or urea nitrogen is part of a heterocyclic ring. Despite these attempts to identify compounds that are useful as immune response modifiers, there is a continuing need for compounds that have the ability to modulate the immune response, by induction of cytokine biosynthesis or other mechanisms.

Summary of the Invention

We have found compounds that are useful in inducing cytokine biosynthesis in animals. Accordingly, this invention provides imidazoquinoline and tetrahydroimidazoquinoline compounds of Formula (I):



(I)

wherein R_1, R_2, and R are as defined *infra*. The invention also provides pharmaceutical compositions containing compounds of formula (Ia), which compounds have the same general structural formula as compounds (I) above.

The compounds of Formulae (I) and (Ia) are useful as immune response modifiers due to their ability to induce cytokine biosynthesis and otherwise modulate the immune response when administered to animals. This makes the compounds useful in the treatment of a variety of conditions, e.g. viral diseases and tumors that are responsive to such changes in the immune response.

The invention further provides pharmaceutical compositions that contain a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Formula (I) or Ia), methods of inducing cytokine biosynthesis in an animal, treating a viral infection in an animal, and/or treating a

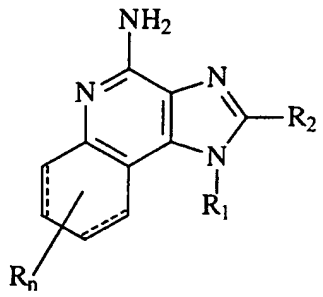
neoplastic disease in an animal by administering a compound of Formula (I) or (Ia) to the animal.

In addition, methods of synthesizing the compounds of the invention and intermediates useful in the synthesis of these compounds are provided.

Detailed Description of the Invention

As mentioned earlier, we have found that certain compounds induce cytokine biosynthesis in animals. Such compounds are represented by Formulae (I) and (Ia) below.

The invention provides compounds of Formula (I):



(I)

wherein

$\mathbf{R_1}$ is -alkyl-NR_3-CY-NR_5-X-R_4 or -alkenyl-NR_3-CY- NR_5-X- R_4 wherein

Y is =O or =S;

X is a bond, -CO- or $-SO_2-$;

$\mathbf{R_4}$ is aryl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, alkyl or alkenyl, each of which may be unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of:

-alkyl;

-alkenyl;

-aryl;

-heteroaryl;

-heterocyclyl;

-substituted aryl;

-substituted heteroaryl;

-substituted heterocyclyl;

-O-alkyl;

-O-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-aryl;

-O-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-substituted aryl;

-O-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-heteroaryl;

-O-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-substituted heteroaryl;

-O-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-heterocyclyl;

-O-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-substituted heterocyclyl;

-COOH;

-CO-O-alkyl;

-CO-alkyl;

-$S(O)_{0-2}$-alkyl;

-$S(O)_{0-2}$–$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-aryl;

-$S(O)_{0-2}$–$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-substituted aryl;

-$S(O)_{0-2}$–$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-heteroaryl;

-$S(O)_{0-2}$–$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-substituted heteroaryl;

-$S(O)_{0-2}$–$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-heterocyclyl;

-$S(O)_{0-2}$–$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-substituted heterocyclyl;

-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-NR_3R_3;

-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-O-alkyl;

-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-alkyl;

-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-aryl;

-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-substituted aryl;

-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-heteroaryl;

-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-substituted heteroaryl;

-N_3;

-halogen;

-haloalkyl;

-haloalkoxy;

-CO-haloalkoxy;

-NO_2;

-CN;

-OH; and

-SH; and in the case of alkyl, alkenyl, or heterocyclyl, oxo;

with the proviso that when X is a bond R_4 can additionally be hydrogen;

R_2 is selected from the group consisting of:

-hydrogen;

-alkyl;

-alkenyl;

-aryl;

-substituted aryl;

-heteroaryl;

-substituted heteroaryl;

- alkyl -O-alkyl;

-alkyl-O- alkenyl; and

- alkyl or alkenyl substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of:

-OH;

-halogen;

-$N(R_3)_2$;

-CO-$N(R_3)_2$;

-CO-C_{1-10} alkyl;

-CO-O-C_{1-10} alkyl;

-N_3;

-aryl;

-substituted aryl;

-heteroaryl;

-substituted heteroaryl;

-heterocyclyl;

-substituted heterocyclyl;

-CO-aryl;

-CO-(substituted aryl);

-CO-heteroaryl; and

-CO-(substituted heteroaryl);

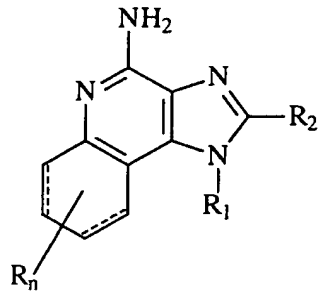
each R_3 is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C_{1-10} alkyl;

R_5 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C_{1-10} alkyl, or R_4 and R_5 can combine to form a 3 to 7 membered heterocyclic or substituted heterocyclic ring;

n is 0 to 4 and each **R** present is independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-10} alkyl, C_{1-10} alkoxy, halogen and trifluoromethyl,

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

The invention also provides pharmaceutical compositions comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Formula (Ia):



(Ia)

wherein

R_1 is -alkyl-NR_3-CO-O-R_4 or -alkenyl-NR_3-CO- O- R_4;

R_4 is aryl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, alkyl or alkenyl, each of which may be unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of:

-alkyl;

-alkenyl;

-aryl;

-heteroaryl;

-heterocyclyl;

-substituted aryl;

-substituted heteroaryl;

-substituted heterocyclyl;

-O-alkyl;

-O-(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-aryl;

-O-(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-substituted aryl;

-O-(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-heteroaryl;

-O-(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-substituted heteroaryl;

-O-(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-heterocyclyl;

-O-(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-substituted heterocyclyl;

-COOH;

-CO-O-alkyl;

-CO-alkyl;

-S(O)$_{0-2}$-alkyl;

-S(O)$_{0-2}$–(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-aryl;

-S(O)$_{0-2}$–(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-substituted aryl;

-S(O)$_{0-2}$–(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-heteroaryl;

-S(O)$_{0-2}$–(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-substituted heteroaryl;

-S(O)$_{0-2}$–(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-heterocyclyl;

-S(O)$_{0-2}$–(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-substituted heterocyclyl;

-(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-NR_3R_3;

-(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-O-alkyl;

-(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-alkyl;

-(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-aryl;

-(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-substituted aryl;

-(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-heteroaryl;

-(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-substituted heteroaryl;

-N_3;

-halogen;

-haloalkyl;

-haloalkoxy;

-CO-haloalkoxy;

-NO_2;

-CN;

-OH; and

-SH; and in the case of alkyl, alkenyl, or heterocyclyl, oxo;

R_2 is selected from the group consisting of:

-hydrogen;

-alkyl;

-alkenyl;

-aryl;

-substituted aryl;

-heteroaryl;

-substituted heteroaryl;

- alkyl -O-alkyl;

-alkyl-O- alkenyl; and

- alkyl or alkenyl substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of:

-OH;

-halogen;

-$N(R_3)_2$;

-$CO\text{-}N(R_3)_2$;

-$CO\text{-}C_{1\text{-}10}$ alkyl;

-$CO\text{-}O\text{-}C_{1\text{-}10}$ alkyl;

-N_3;

-aryl;

-substituted aryl;

-heteroaryl;

-substituted heteroaryl;

-heterocyclyl;

-substituted heterocyclyl;

-CO-aryl;

-CO-(substituted aryl);

-CO-heteroaryl; and

-CO-(substituted heteroaryl);

each $\mathbf{R_3}$ is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and $C_{1\text{-}10}$ alkyl;

n is 0 to 4 and each **R** present is independently selected from the group consisting of $C_{1\text{-}10}$ alkyl, $C_{1\text{-}10}$ alkoxy, halogen and trifluoromethyl,

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Preparation of the Compounds

Imidazoquinolines of the invention can be prepared according to Reaction Scheme I where R, R_1, R_2 and n are as defined above.

In step (1) of Reaction Scheme I a 4-chloro-3-nitroquinoline of Formula II is reacted with an amine of Formula R_1NH_2 where R_1 is as defined above to provide a 3-nitroquinolin-4-amine of Formula III. The reaction can be carried out by adding amine to a solution of a compound of Formula II in a suitable solvent such as chloroform or dichloromethane and optionally heating. Many quinolines of Formula II are known compounds (see for example, U.S. Patent 4,689,338 and references cited therein).

In step (2) of Reaction Scheme I a 3-nitroquinolin-4-amine of Formula III is reduced to provide a quinoline-3,4-diamine of Formula IV. Preferably, the reduction is carried out using a conventional heterogeneous hydrogentation catalyst such as platinum on carbon or palladium on carbon. The reaction can conveniently be carried out on a Parr apparatus in a suitable solvent such as isopropyl alcohol or toluene.

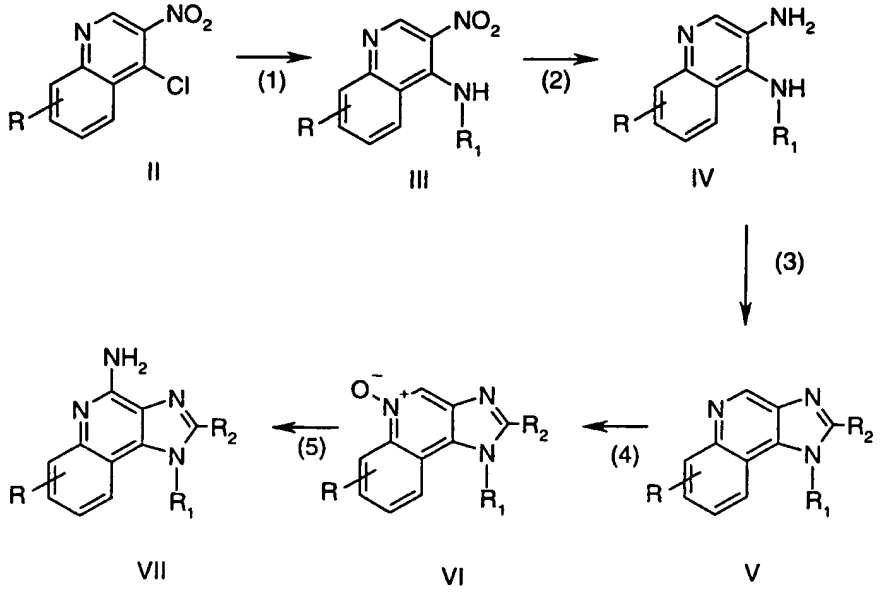
In step (3) of Reaction Scheme I a quinoline-3,4-diamine of Formula IV is reacted with a carboxylic acid or an equivalent thereof to provide a 1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinoline of Formula V. Suitable equivalents to carboxylic acid include acid halides, orthoesters, and 1,1-dialkoxyalkyl alkanoates. The carboxylic acid or equivalent is selected such that it will provide the desired R_2 substituent in a compound of Formula V. For example, triethyl orthoformate will provide a compound where R_2 is hydrogen and triethyl orthoacetate will provide a compound where R_2 is methyl. The reaction can be run in the absence of solvent or in an inert solvent such as toluene. The reaction is run with sufficient heating to drive off any alcohol or water formed as a byproduct of the reaction.

In step (4) of Reaction Scheme I a 1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinoline of Formula V is oxidized to provide a 1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinoline-5N-oxide of Formula VI using a conventional oxidizing agent that is capable of forming N-oxides. Preferred reaction conditions involve reacting a solution of a compound of Formula V in chloroform with 3-chloroperoxybenzoic acid at ambient conditions.

In step (5) of Reaction Scheme I a 1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinoline-5N-oxide of Formula VI is aminated to provide a 1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-4-amine of Formula VII, which is a subgenus of Formula I. Step (5) involves (i) reacting a compound of Formula VI with an acylating agent and then (ii) reacting the product with an aminating agent. Part (i) of step (5) involves reacting an N-oxide of Formula VI with an acylating agent. Suitable acylating agents include alkyl- or arylsulfonyl chlorides (e.g., benezenesulfonyl chloride, methanesulfonyl chloride, p-toluenesulfonyl chloride). Arylsulfonyl chlorides are preferred. *Para*-toluenesulfonyl chloride is most preferred. Part (ii) of step (5) involves reacting the product of part (i) with an excess of an aminating agent. Suitable aminating agents include ammonia (e.g., in the form of ammonium hydroxide) and ammonium salts (e.g., ammonium carbonate, ammonium bicarbonate, ammonium phosphate). Ammonium hydroxide is preferred. The reaction is preferably carried out by dissolving the N-oxide of Formula VI in an inert solvent such as dichloromethane, adding the aminating agent to the solution, and then slowly adding the acylating agent. The product or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof can be isolated using conventional methods.

Alternatively, step (5) may be carried out by (i) reacting an N-oxide of Formula VI with an isocyanate and then (ii) hydrolyzing the resulting product. Part (i) involves reacting the N-oxide with an isocyanate wherein the isocyanato group is bonded to a carbonyl group. Preferred isocyanates include trichloroacetyl isocyanante and aroyl isocyanates such as benzoyl isocyanate. The reaction of the isocyanate with the N-oxide is carried out under substantially anhydrous conditions by adding the isocyanate to a solution of the N-oxide in an inert solvent such as chloroform or dichloromethane. Part (ii) involves hydrolysis of the product from part (i). The hydrolysis can be carried out by conventional methods such as heating in the presence of water or a lower alkanol optionally in the presence of a catalyst such as an alkali metal hydroxide or lower alkoxide.

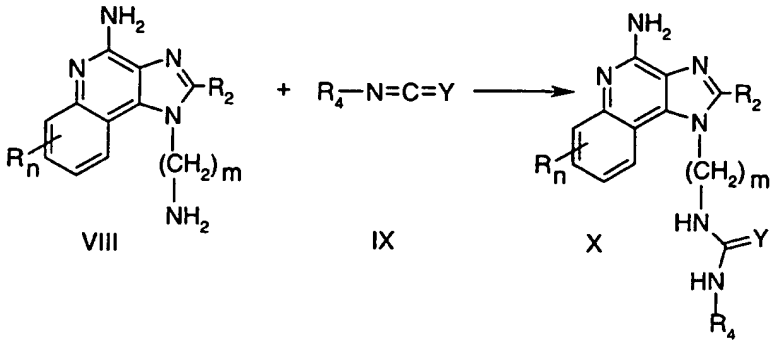
Reaction Scheme I



Compounds of the invention where the R_1 substituent contains a urea or a thiourea can also be prepared according to Reaction Scheme II where R, R_2, R_4 and n are as defined above and Y is O or S and m is an integer from 1 to 20.

In Reaction Scheme II an aminoalkyl substituted 1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-4-amine of Formula VIII is reacted with an isocyanate or thioisocyanate of Formula IX to provide a compound of Formula X which is a subgenus of Formula I. The reaction can be carried out by adding a solution of the (thio)isocyanate in a suitable solvent such as dichloromethane to a solution of a compound of Formula VIII, optionally at a reduced temperature. Many 1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-4-amines of Formula VIII are known compounds (see for example US 6,069,149 (Nanba)); others can be readily prepared using known synthetic methods. Many isocyanates and thioisocyanates of Formula IX are commercially available; others can be readily prepared using known synthetic methods. The product or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof can be isolated using conventional methods.

Reaction Scheme II



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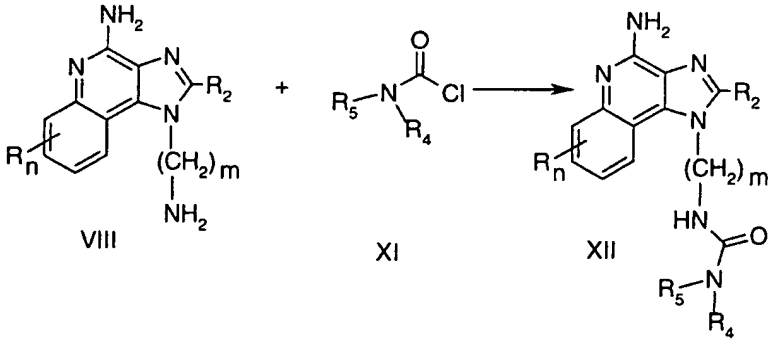
Compounds of the invention where the R_1 substituent contains a urea can also be prepared according to Reaction Scheme III where R, R_2, R_4, R_5 and n are as defined above and m is an integer from 1 to 20.

In Reaction Scheme III an aminoalkyl substituted 1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-4-amine of Formula VIII is reacted with a carbamoyl chloride of Formula XI to provide a compound of Formula XII which is a subgenus of Formula I. The reaction can be carried out by adding a solution of the carbamoyl chloride in a suitable solvent such as pyridine to a solution of a compound of Formula VIII at ambient temperature. Some carbamoyl chlorides of Formula XI are commercially available; others can be readily prepared using known synthetic methods. The product or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof can be isolated using conventional methods.

Reaction Scheme III



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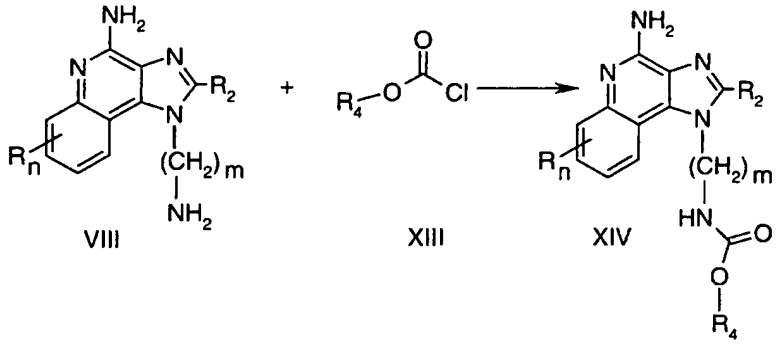
Compounds of the invention where the R_1 substituent contains a carbamate can also be prepared according to Reaction Scheme IV where R, R_2, R_4, n and m are as defined above.

In Reaction Scheme IV an aminoalkyl substituted 1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-4-amine of Formula VIII is reacted with an chloroformate of Formula XIII to provide a compound of Formula XIV which is a subgenus of Formula Ia. The reaction can be carried out by adding a solution of the chloroformate in a suitable solvent such as dichloromethane or pyridine to a solution of a compound of Formula VIII optionally at a reduced temperature. Many chloroformates of Formula XIII are commercially available; others can be readily prepared using known synthetic methods. The product or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof can be isolated using conventional methods.

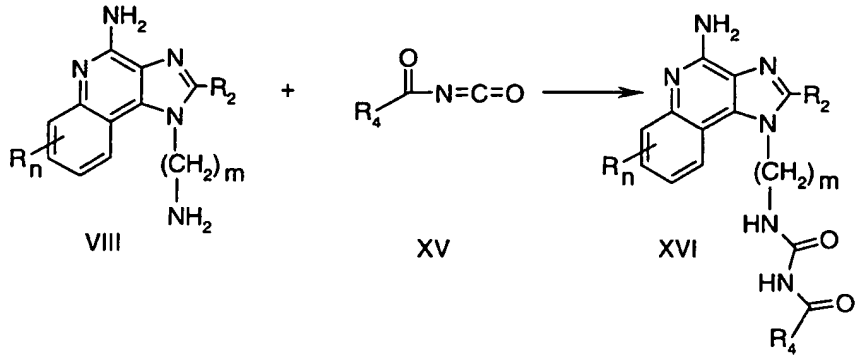
Reaction Scheme IV



Compounds of the invention where the R_1 substituent contains an acyl urea can also be prepared according to Reaction Scheme V where R, R_2, R_4, n and m are as defined above

In Reaction Scheme V an aminoalkyl substituted 1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-4-amine of Formula VIII is reacted with an acyl isocyanate of Formula XV to provide a compound of Formula XVI which is a subgenus of Formula I. The reaction can be carried out by adding a solution of the acyl isocyanate in a suitable solvent such as dichloromethane to a solution of a compound of Formula VIII at a reduced temperature. Some acyl isocyanates of Formula XV are commercially available; others can be readily prepared using known synthetic methods. The product or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof can be isolated using conventional methods.

Reaction Scheme V



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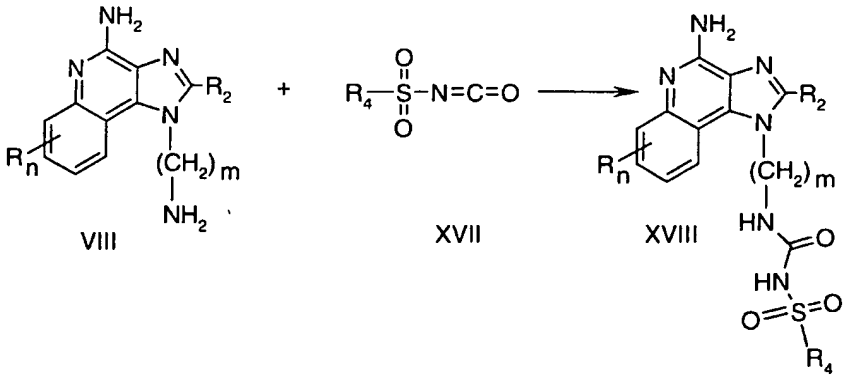
Compounds of the invention where the R_1 substituent contains a sulfonyl urea can also be prepared according to Reaction Scheme VI where R, R_2, R_4, n and m are as defined above

In Reaction Scheme VI an aminoalkyl substituted 1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-4-amine of Formula VIII is reacted with a sulfonyl isocyanate of Formula XVII to provide a compound of Formula XVIII which is a subgenus of Formula I. The reaction can be carried out by adding a solution of the sulfonyl isocyanate in a suitable solvent such as dichloromethane to a solution of a compound of Formula VIII, optionally at a reduced temperature. Some sulfonyl isocyanates of Formula XVII are commercially available; others can be readily prepared using known synthetic methods. The product or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof can be isolated using conventional methods.

Reaction Scheme VI



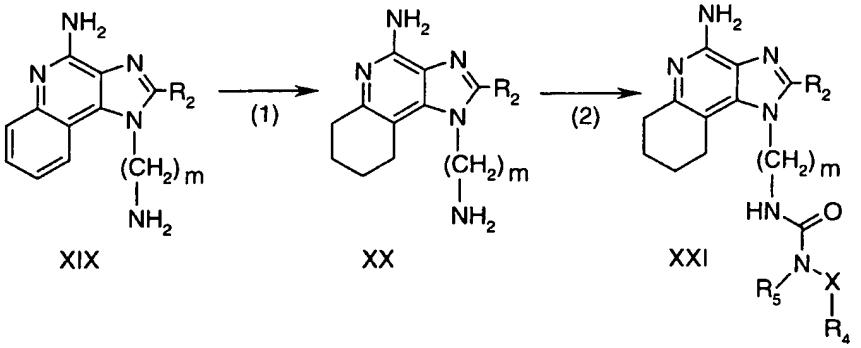
VIII XVII XVIII

Tetrahydroimidazoquinolines of the invention can be prepared according to Reaction Scheme VII where R_2, R_3, R_4, R_5, X, Y and m are as defined above.

In step (1) of Reaction Scheme VII an aminoalkyl substituted 1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-4-amine of Formula XIX is reduced to provide an aminoalkyl substituted 6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-4-amine of Formula XX. Preferably the reduction is carried out by suspending or dissolving the compound of Formula XIX in trifluoroacetic acid, adding a catalytic amount of platinum (IV) oxide, and then subjecting the mixture to hydrogen pressure. The reaction can conveniently be carried out on a Parr apparatus. The product or a salt thereof can be isolated using conventional methods.

Step (2) of Reaction Scheme VII can be carried out using the methods described in Reaction Schemes II, III, IV, V and VI to provide a compound of Formula XXI which is a subgenus of Formula I.

Reaction Scheme VII



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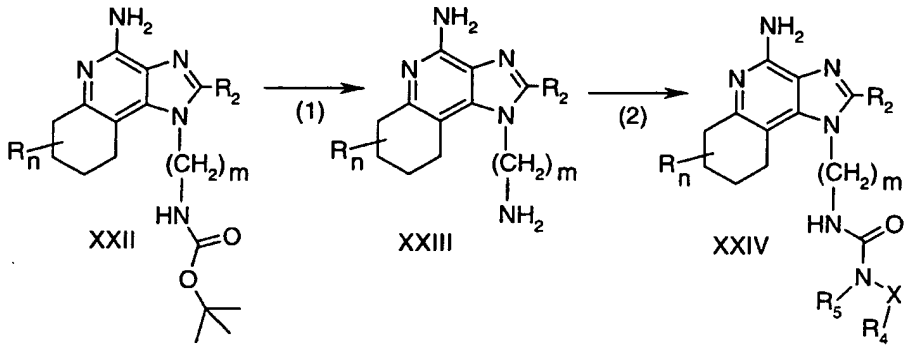
Tetrahydroimidazoquinolines of the invention can also be prepared according to Reaction Scheme VIII where R, R_2, R_3, R_4, R_5, X, Y, n and m are as defined above.

In step (1) of Reaction Scheme VIII a 6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolinyl *tert*-butylcarbamate of Formula XXII is hydrolyzed to provide an aminoalkyl substituted 6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-4-amine of Formula XXIII. The reaction can be carried out by dissolving the compound of Formula XXII in a mixture of trifluoroacetic acid and acetonitrile and stirring at ambient temperature. Alternatively, the compound of Formula XXII can be combined with dilute hydrochloric acid and heated on a steam bath. Tetrahydro-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolinyl *tert*-butylcarbamates of Formula XXII can be prepared using the synthetic route disclosed in U.S. Patent 5,352,784 (Nikolaides). The product or a salt thereof can be isolated using conventional methods.

Step (2) of Reaction Scheme VIII can be carried out using the methods described in Reaction Schemes II, III, IV, V and VI to provide a compound of Formula XXIV which is a subgenus of Formula I.

Reaction Scheme VIII



Some compounds of Formula I can be readily prepared from other compounds of Formula I. For example, compounds wherein the R_4 substituent contains a chloroalkyl group can be reacted with an amine to provide an R_4 substituent substituted by a secondary or teriary amino group; compounds wherein the R_4 substituent contains a nitro group can be reduced to provide a compound wherein the R_4 substituent contains a primary amine.

As used herein, the terms "alkyl", "alkenyl", "alkynyl" and the prefix "-alk" are inclusive of both straight chain and branched chain groups and of cyclic groups, i.e. cycloalkyl and cycloalkenyl. Unless otherwise specified, these groups contain from 1 to 20 carbon atoms, with alkenyl and alkynyl groups containing from 2 to 20 carbon atoms. Preferred groups have a total of up to 10 carbon atoms. Cyclic groups can be monocyclic or polycyclic and preferably have from 3 to 10 ring carbon atoms. Exemplary cyclic groups include cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and adamantyl.

The term "haloalkyl" is inclusive of groups that are substituted by one or more halogen atoms, including groups wherein all of the available hydrogen atoms are replaced by halogen atoms. This is also true of groups that include the prefix "haloalk-". Examples of suitable haloalkyl groups are chloromethyl, trifluoromethyl, and the like.

The term "aryl" as used herein includes carbocyclic aromatic rings or ring systems. Examples of aryl groups include phenyl, naphthyl, biphenyl, fluorenyl and indenyl. The term "heteroaryl" includes aromatic rings or ring systems that contain at least one ring

hetero atom (e.g., O, S, N). Suitable heteroaryl groups include furyl, thienyl, pyridyl, quinolinyl, tetrazolyl, imidazo, pyrazolo, oxazolo, thiazolo and the like.

"Heterocyclyl" includes non-aromatic rings or ring systems that contain at least one ring hetero atom (e.g., O, S, N). Exemplary heterocyclic groups include pyrrolidinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, piperdinyl, piperazinyl, thiazolidinyl, imidazolidinyl and the like.

Unless otherwise specified, the terms "substituted aryl", "substituted heteroaryl" and "substituted heterocyclyl" indicate that the rings or ring systems in question are further substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, hydroxy, halogen, haloalkyl, haloalkylcarbonyl, haloalkoxy (e.g., trifluoromethoxy), nitro, alkylcarbonyl, alkenylcarbonyl, arylcarbonyl, heteroarylcarbonyl, aryl, arylalkyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, heterocyclyl, heterocycloalkyl, nitrile, alkoxycarbonyl, alkanoyloxy, alkanoylthio, and in the case of heterocyclyl, oxo.

In structural formulas representing compounds of the invention certain bonds are represented by dashed lines. These lines mean that the bonds represented by the dashed line can be present or absent. Accordingly, compounds of Formula I can be either imidazoquinoline compounds or tetrahydroimidazoquinoline compounds.

The invention is inclusive of the compounds described herein in any of their pharmaceutically acceptable forms, including isomers such as diastereomers and enantiomers, salts, solvates, polymorphs, and the like.

Pharmaceutical Compositions and Biological Activity

Pharmaceutical compositions of the invention contain a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of the invention in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

The term "a therapeutically effective amount" means an amount of the compound sufficient to induce a therapeutic effect, such as cytokine induction, antitumor activity and/or antiviral activity. Although the exact amount of active compound used in a pharmaceutical composition of the invention will vary according to factors known to those of skill in the art, such as the physical and chemical nature of the compound as well as the nature of the carrier and the intended dosing regimen, it is anticipated that the

compositions of the invention will contain sufficient active ingredient to provide a dose of about 100ng/kg to about 50mg/kg, preferably about 10μg/kg to about 5mg/kg, of the compound to the subject. Any of the conventional dosage forms may be used, such as tablets, lozenges, parenteral formulations, syrups, creams, ointments, aerosol formulations, transdermal patches, transmucosal patches and the like.

The compounds of the invention can be administered as the single therapeutic agent in a treatment regimen, or the compounds of the invention may be administered in combination with one another or with other active agents, including additional immune response modifiers, antivirals, antibiotics, and so on.

The compounds of the invention have been shown to induce the production of certain cytokines in experiments performed according to the tests set forth below. These results indicate that the compounds are useful as immune response modifiers that can modulate the immune response in a number of different ways, rendering them useful in the treatment of a variety of disorders.

Cytokines that maybe induced by the administration of compounds according to the invention generally include interferon (IFN) and/or tumor necrosis factor-α (TNF-α) as well as certain interleukins (IL). Cytokines whose biosynthesis may be induced by compounds of the invention include IFN-α, TNF-α, IL-1, 6, 10 and 12, and a variety of other cytokines. Among other effects, cytokines inhibit virus production and tumor cell growth, making the compounds useful in the treatment of tumors and viral diseases.

In addition to the ability to induce the production of cytokines, the compounds of the invention affect other aspects of the innate immune response. For example, natural killer cell activity may be stimulated, an effect that may be due to cytokine induction. The compounds may also activate macrophages, which in turn stimulates secretion of nitric oxide and the production of additional cytokines. Further, the compounds may cause proliferation and differentiation of B-lymphocytes.

Compounds of the invention also have an effect on the acquired immune response. For example, although there is not believed to be any direct effect on T cells or direct induction of T cell cytokines, the production of the T helper type 1 (Th1) cytokine IFN-γ is induced indirectly and the production of the T helper type 2 (Th2) cytokines IL-4, IL-5 and IL-13 are inhibited upon administration of the compounds. This activity means that the compounds are useful in the treatment of diseases where upregulation of the Th1

response and/or downregulation of the Th2 response is desired. In view of the ability of compounds of Formula Ia to inhibit the Th2 immune response, the compounds are expected to be useful in the treatment of conditions that are associate with overstimulation of a Th2 response such as atopic diseases, e.g., atopic dermatitis; asthma; allergy; allergic rhinitis; systemic lupus erythematosis; as a vaccine adjuvant for cell mediated immunity; and possibly as a treatment for recurrent fungal diseases, periodontitis and chlamydia.

The immune response modifying effects of the compounds make them useful in the treatment of a wide variety of conditions. Because of their ability to induce the production of cytokines such as IFN-α and/or TNF-α, and IL-12, the compounds are particularly useful in the treatment of viral diseases and tumors. This immunomodulating activity suggests that compounds of the invention are useful in treating diseases such as, but not limited to, viral diseases including genital warts; common warts; plantar warts; Hepatitis B; Hepatitis C; Herpes Simplex Type I and Type II; molluscum contagiosum; HIV; CMV; VZV; intraepithelial neoplasias such as cervical intraepithelial neoplasia; human papillomavirus (HPV) and associated neoplasias; fungal diseases, e.g. candida, aspergillus, and cryptococcal meningitis; neoplastic diseases, e.g., basal cell carcinoma, hairy cell leukemia, Kaposi's sarcoma, renal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma, myelogenous leukemia, multiple myeloma, melanoma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, cutaneous T-cell lymphoma, and other cancers; parasitic diseases, e.g. pneumocystis carnii, cryptosporidiosis, histoplasmosis, toxoplasmosis, trypanosome infection, and leishmaniasis; and bacterial infections, e.g., tuberculosis, and mycobacterium avium. Additional diseases or conditions that can be treated using the compounds of the invention include eczema; eosinophilia; essential thrombocythaemia; leprosy; multiple sclerosis; Ommen's syndrome; discoid lupus; Bowen's disease; Bowenoid papulosis; and to enhance or stimulate the healing of wounds, including chronic wounds.

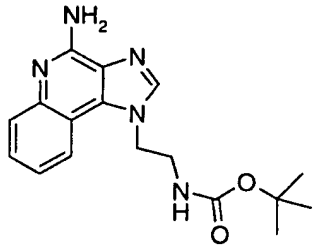
Accordingly, the invention provides a method of inducing cytokine biosynthesis in an animal comprising administering an effective amount of a compound of Formula Ia to the animal. An amount of a compound effective to induce cytokine biosynthesis is an amount sufficient to cause one or more cell types, such as monocytes, macrophages, dendritic cells and B-cells to produce an amount of one or more cytokines such as, for example, IFN-α, TNF-α, IL-1,6,10 and 12 that is increased over the background level of such cytokines. The precise amount will vary according to factors known in the art but is

expected to be a dose of about 100ng/kg to about 50mg/kg, preferably about 10μg/kg to about 5mg/kg. The invention also provides a method of treating a viral infection in an animal comprising administering an effective amount of a compound of Formula Ia to the animal. An amount effective to treat or inhibit a viral infection is an amount that will cause a reduction in one or more of the manifestations of viral infection, such as viral lesions, viral load, rate of virus production, and mortality as compared to untreated control animals. The precise amount will vary according to factors known in the art but is expected to be a dose of 100ng/kg to about 50mg/kg, preferably about 10μg/kg to about 5mg/kg. An amount effective to treat a neoplastic condition is an amount that will cause a reduction in tuor size or in the number of tumor foci. Again, the precise amount will vary according to factors known in the art but is expected to be a dose of about 100 mg/kg to about 50 mg/kg. Preferably about 10 mg/kg to about 5 mg/kg.

The invention is further described by the following examples, which are provided for illustration only and are not intended to be limiting in any way.

Example 1

Tert-Butyl N-[2-(4-Amino-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)ethyl]carbamate



Part A

Triethylamine (66.8 g, 0.33 mol) was added to a solution of *tert*-butyl N-(2-aminoethyl)carbamate (55.0 g, 0.34 mol) in anhydrous dichloromethane (500 mL). 4-Chloro-3-nitroquinoline (68.2 g, 0.33 mol) was slowly added and the reaction exothermed. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at ambient temperature overnight. The resulting precipitate was isolated by filtration to provide product as a yellow solid. The filtrate was washed with water, dried over magnesium sulfate and then concentrated under vacuum. The resulting residue was slurried with hexane and filtered to provide additional product as a yellow solid. The two crops were combined to provide 101 g of *tert*-butyl N-[2-(3-nitroquinolin-4-yl)aminoethyl]carbamate as a yellow solid, m.p. 157-158.

Part B

Platinum on carbon (1 g of 10%) and sodium sulfate (2 g) were added to a slurry of *tert*-butyl N-[2-(3-nitroquinolin-4-yl)aminoethyl]carbamate (100 g, 0.30 mol) in toluene (500 mL). The mixture was placed under a hydrogen atmosphere at 50 psi (3.4×10^4 pascals) on a Parr apparatus at ambient temperature overnight. The reaction mixture was filtered. The filtrate was concentrated to provide 73 g of *tert*-butyl N-[2-(3-aminoquinolin-4-yl)aminoethyl]carbamate as a dark gold oil.

Part C

Triethyl orthoformate (11.3 g, 73.4 mmol) was added to a solution of *tert*-butyl N-[2-(3-aminoquinolin-4-yl)aminoethyl]carbamate (21 g, 69.4 mmol) in anhydrous toluene (250 mL). The reaction mixture was heated at reflux for 5 hours and then allowed to slowly cool to ambient temperature. The resulting precipitate was isolated by filtration and dried to provide 17.6 g of *tert*-butyl N-[2-(1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)ethyl]carbamate as a light tan solid, m.p. 154-155°C.

Part D

3-Chloroperoxybenzoic acid (17.4 g, 60.6 mmol) was added in small portions to a solution of *tert*-butyl N-[2-(1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)ethyl]carbamate (17.2 g, 55.1 mmol) in chloroform (250 mL). The reaction was maintained at ambient temperature overnight and then quenched with 5% sodium carbonate solution. The layers were separated. The organic layer was dried over magnesium sulfate and then concentrated under vacuum to provide 15.0 g of 1-[2-(*tert*-butylcarbamyl)ethyl]-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinoline-5N-oxide as an off white solid, m.p. 213-215°C.

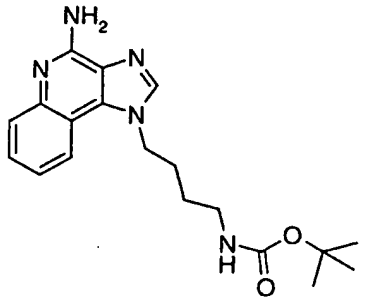
Part E

Trichloroacetyl isocyanate (9.5 g, 50.2 mmol) was slowly added to a stirred solution of 1-[2-(*tert*-butylcarbamyl)ethyl]-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinoline-5N-oxide (15.0 g, 45.7 mmol) in chloroform (200 mL). After 2 hours the reaction was quenched with concentrated ammonium hydroxide (100 mL). Water (100 mL) was added and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with chloroform. The organic layers were combined, dried over magnesium sulfate and then concentrated under vacuum to provide a white solid. This material was slurried in warm methyl acetate and then filtered to provide 15 g of *tert*-butyl N-[2-(4-amino-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)ethyl]carbamate as a white solid, m.p. 215°C. ^{1}H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ 8.13 (t,

J=8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.61(d, J=8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, J=8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (t, J=8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t, J=6.0 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (broad s, 2H), 4.63 (t, J=7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.43 (q, J=6.0 Hz, 2H), 1.32 (s, 9H); MS (EI) m/e 327.1696 (327.1695 calcd for $C_{17}H_{21}N_5O_2$)

Example 2

Tert-Butyl N-[2-(4-Amino-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)butyl]carbamate



Part A

Using the general method of Example 1 Part A, *tert*-butyl N-(4-aminobutyl)carbamate (254 g, 1.35 mol) was reacted with 4-chloro-3-nitroquinoline hydrochloride (331 g, 1.35 mmol) to provide 486 g of *tert*-butyl N-(4-[(3-nitroquinolin-4-yl)amino]butyl)carbamate as yellow solid. Analysis: Calculated for $C_{18}H_{24}N_4O_4$: %C, 59.99; %H, 6.71; %N, 15.55; Found: %C, 59.68; %H, 6.59; %N, 15.74.

Part B

Using the general method of Example 1 Part B, *tert*-butyl N-(4-[(3-nitroquinolin-4-yl)amino]butyl)carbamate (162.6 g, 0.451 mol) was hydrogenated to provide 149 g of *tert*-butyl N-(4-[(3-aminoquinolin-4-yl)amino]butyl)carbamate as a dark gold gum.

Part C

Using the general method of Example 1 Part C, *tert*-butyl N-(4-[(3-aminoquinolin-4-yl)amino]butyl)carbamate (149 g, 0.451 mol) was reacted with triethyl orthoformate to provide crude product. This material was recrystallized from isopropyl alcohol to provide 84 g of *tert*-butyl N-[4-(1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)butyl]carbamate as a crystalline solid.

Part D

Using the general method of Example 1 Part D, *tert*-butyl N-[4-(1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)butyl]carbamate (84.0 g, 0.247 mol) was oxidized to provide 87.9 g of 1-

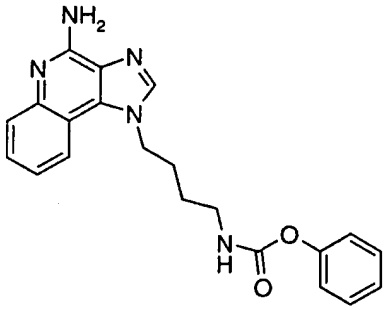
[4-(*tert*-butylcarbamyl)butyl]-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinoline-5N-oxide as a green/yellow foam.

Part E

Concentrated ammonium hydroxide (250 mL) was added to a vigorously stirred solution of 1-[4-(*tert*-butylcarbamyl)butyl]-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinoline-5N-oxide (87.9 g, 0.247 mol) in dichloromethane (750 mL). Tosyl chloride (47.0 g, 0.247 mol) was added in small portions over a period of 30 minutes. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at ambient temperature overnight then it was filtered to remove a tan precipitate. The filtrate layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (4 x 50 mL). The dichloromethane fractions were combined, dried over sodium sulfate and then concentrated under vacuum to provide a pale tan solid. This material was recrystallized from isopropyl alcohol to provide 75.7 g of *tert*-butyl N-[2-(4-amino-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)butyl]carbamate as a pale yellow solid, m.p. 171-173°C. ^{1}H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.19 (s, 1H), 8.03 (d, J=8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, J=8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, J=8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, J=8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (t, J=6.0 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (broad s, 2H), 4.59 (t, J=7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.95 (q, J=6.0 Hz, 2H), 1.83 (quintet, J=7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.42 (quintet, J=7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.33 (s, 9H). MS (EI) m/e 355.2001 (355.2008 calcd for $C_{19}H_{25}N_5O_2$).

Example 3

Phenyl N-[4-(4-amino-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-c]quinolin-1-yl)butyl]carbamate

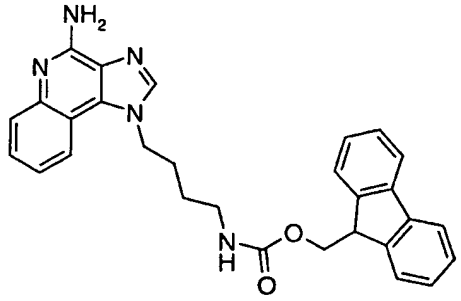


A solution of 1-(4-aminobutyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-c]quinolin-4-amine (9.3 mg, 36 μmol) in 10 mL of dichloromethane was cooled to -5°C and a solution of phenyl chloroformate (7 mg, 45 μmol) in 1.5 mL of dichloromethane was added, with argon bubbling to facilitate mixing. The mixture was then allowed to warm to room temp. while being vortexed for 10 min. Aminomethylpolystyrene (ca. 80 mg, 1 meq/g, 100-200 mesh,

Bachem) was added to quench excess chloroformate, and the mixture was refluxed and vortexed for several hours. The mixture was chromatographed through a short plug of silica gel with 10:1 dichloromethane-methanol as eluant to isolate the product as a solid. ^{1}H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ 8.28 (s, 1H), 8.06 (d, J=7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (t, J=5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, J=8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, J=7 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, J=8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, J=7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, J=8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.65 (bs, 2H), 4.64 (t, J=7 Hz, 2H), 3.10 (q, J=6 Hz, 2H), 1.92 (quintet, J=7 Hz, 2H), 1.52 (quintet, J=7 Hz, 2H). MS (APCI) m/e 376.15 (M+H).

Example 4

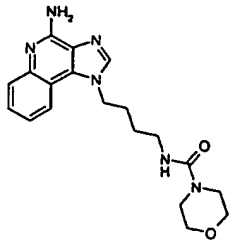
9*H*-9-Fluorenylmethyl N-[4-(4-amino-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-c]quinolin-1-yl)butyl]carbamate



To a solution of 1-(4-aminobutyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-c]quinolin-4-amine (9.3 mg, 36 μmol) in 10 mL of dichloromethane at ambient temperature was added 9-fluorenylmethyl chloroformate (8 mg, 30 μmol) as a solid. The mixture was vortexed at room temperature for about 1 min., becoming slightly cloudy. Aminomethylpolystyrene (ca. 90 mg, 0.64 meq/g, 100-200 mesh, Bachem) was added to quench excess chloroformate, and after a few minutes the mixture was filtered through a short plug of silica gel, eluting with 10:1 dichloromethane-methanol to isolate the product as a solid. ^{1}H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ 8.27 (s, 1H), 8.08 (d, J=8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, J=7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (m, 3H), 7.50 (t, J=7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, J=7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.3 (m, 4H), 7.15 (bs, 2H), 4.62 (t, J=7 Hz, 2H), 4.27 (d, J=7 Hz, 2H), 4.17 (t, J=7 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (q, J=7 Hz, 2H), 1.84 (quintet, J=7 Hz, 2H), 1.45 (quintet, J=7 Hz, 2H). MS (APCI) m/e 478.28 (M+H).

Example 5

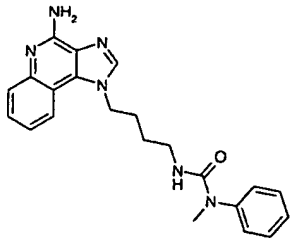
N^4-[4-(4-Amino-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-c]quinolin-1-yl)butyl]-4-morpholinecarboxamide



4-Morpholinecarbonyl chloride (0.15 ml, 1.3 mmol) was added to a stirring solution of 1-(4-aminobutyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-c]quinolin-4-amine (0.3 g, 1.2 mmol) and pyridine (70 ml). The reaction was maintained at room temperature overnight. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 9:1 dichloromethane\methanol). The fractions containing product were combined, washed with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate, dried ($MgSO_4$), filtered, and concentrated to provide 0.86 g of N^4-[4-(4-amino-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-c]quinolin-1-yl)butyl]-4-morpholinecarboxamide as a tan powder, m.p. 177.0-179.5 °C. ^{1}H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ 8.22 (s, 1H), 8.04 (d, J=7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, J=7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, J=7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, J=7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (broad s, 2H), 6.52 (t, J=5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (t, J=6.9 Hz, 2H), 3.48 (t J=4.6 Hz, 4H), 3.18 (t, J=4.6 Hz, 4H), 3.05 (m, 2H), 1.84 (m, 2H), 1.44 (m, 2H); MS (EI) m/e 368.1966 (368.1961 calcd for $C_{19}H_{24}N_6O_2$).

Example 6

N^1-[4-(4-Amino-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-c]quinolin-1-yl)butyl]-N-methyl-N-phenylurea

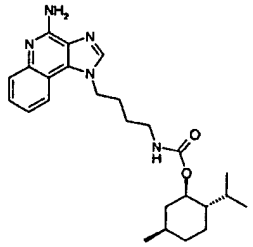


According to the general method of Example 5, 1-(4-aminobutyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-c]quinolin-4-amine and N-methyl-N-phenylcarbamoyl chloride were

combined to provide N^1-[4-(4-amino-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-c]quinolin-1-yl)butyl]-N-methyl-N-phenylurea as a tan powder, m.p. 87.0-88.0 °C. ^{1}H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ 8.19 (s, 1H), 8.04 (d, J=8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (dd, J=8.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dt, J=8.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.24 (m, 3H), 7.18-7.09 (m, 3H), 6.62 (s, 2H), 5.95 (broad s, 1H), 4.59 (t, J=6.9 Hz, 2H), 3.07 (s, 3H), 3.03 (m, 2H), 1.82 (quintet, J=7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.42 (quintet, J=7.2 Hz, 2H); MS (EI) m/e 388.2023 (388.2012 calcd for $C_{22}H_{24}N_6O$).

Example 7

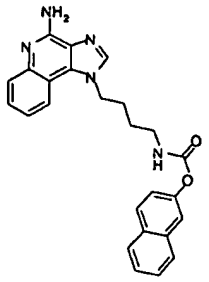
(1R,2S,5R)-2-Isopropyl-5-methylcyclohexyl N-[3-(4-amino-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-c]quinolin-1-yl)butyl]carbamate



(-)-Menthyl chloroformate (0.675 ml, 3.15 mmol) was added dropwise to a stirring solution of 1-(4-aminobutyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-c]quinolin-4-amine (0.80 g, 3.14 mmol) and pyridine (200 ml). The reaction was maintained at room temperature overnight. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 95:5 dichloromethane\methanol). The fractions containing product were combined, washed with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate, dried ($MgSO_4$), filtered, and concentrated to provide 0.32 g of (1R,2S,5R)-2-isopropyl-5-methylcyclohexyl N-[3-(4-amino-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-c]quinolin-1-yl)butyl]carbamate as a tan powder, m.p. 84.0-86.0 °C. ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ 156.5, 152.5, 145.3, 143.1, 131.9, 128.5, 127.0, 126.5, 121.5, 120.8, 115.2, 73.0, 47.2, 46.5, 41.7, 34.1, 31.2, 27.5, 26.8, 26.1, 23.4, 22.3, 20.8, 16.6; MS (EI) m/e 437.2797 (437.2791 calcd for $C_{25}H_{35}N_5O_2$).

Example 8

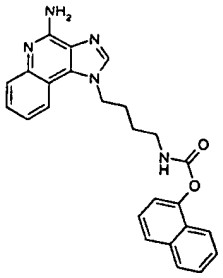
2-Naphthyl N-[4-(4-amino-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-c]quinolin-1-yl)butyl]carbamate



According to the general method of Example 7, 1-(4-aminobutyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-c]quinolin-4-amine and chloroformic acid 2-naphthyl ester were combined to provide 2-naphthyl N-[4-(4-amino-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-c]quinolin-1-yl)butyl]carbamate as a white powder, m.p. 154.0-155.0 °C. ^{1}H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ 8.23 (s, 1H), 8.08 (d, J=7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.94-7.86 (m, 4H), 7.64 (dd, J=8.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.43 (m, 4H), 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.20 (dd, J=8.8, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (broad s, 2H), 4.65 (t, J=6.9 Hz, 2H), 3.14 (q, J=6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.94 (m, 2H), 1.56 (m, 2H); MS (EI) m/e 426.1927 (426.1930 calcd for $C_{25}H_{23}N_5O_2$).

Example 9

1-Naphthyl N-[4-(4-amino-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-c]quinolin-1-yl)butyl]carbamate

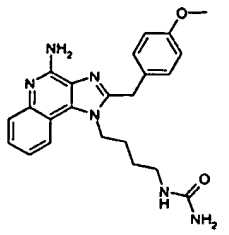


According to the general method of Example 7, 1-(4-aminobutyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-c]quinolin-4-amine and chloroformic acid 1-naphthyl ester were combined to provide 1-naphthyl N-[4-(4-amino-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-c]quinolin-1-yl)butyl]carbamate as a tan powder, m.p. 89.0-92.0 °C. ^{1}H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ 8.25 (s, 1H), 8.10 (d, J=7.4 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (t, J=5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, J=7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, J=8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.45 (m, 6H), 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.19 (d, J=7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (broad s, 2H), 4.67 (t, J=6.9

Hz, 2H), 3.17 (q, J=6.3 Hz, 2H), 1.96 (m, 2H), 1.59 (m, 2H); MS (EI) m/e 426.1929 (426.1930 calcd for $C_{25}H_{23}N_5O_2$).

Example 10

N-{4-[4-Amino-2-(4-methoxybenzyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-c]quinolin-1-yl]butyl}urea



Part A

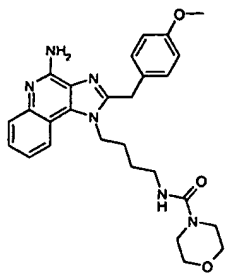
tert-Butyl N-{4-[2-(4-methoxybenzyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-c]quinolin-1-yl]butyl}carbamate was reacted according to the general method of Example 1 parts D and E to provide *tert*-butyl N-aminocarbonyl-N-{4-[4-amino-2-(4-methoxybenzyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-c]quinolin-1-yl]butyl}carbamate as a solid. ^{1}H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ 7.93 (d, J=8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (broad s, 1H), 7.61 (dd, J=8.3, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.17 (m, 4H), 6.87 (d, J=8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.55 (broad s, 2H), 4.45 (broad s, 2H), 4.32 (s, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.49 (m, 2H), 1.49 (m, 4H), 1.31 (s, 9H).

Part B

The *tert*-butyl carbamoyl group was removed from *tert*-butyl N-aminocarbonyl-N-{4-[4-amino-2-(4-methoxybenzyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-c]quinolin-1-yl]butyl}carbamate by heating the compound in a solution of HCl and ethanol. The reaction was neutralized (NH_4OH) to provide N-{4-[4-amino-2-(4-methoxybenzyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-c]quinolin-1-yl]butyl}urea as an off white solid, m.p. 196 °C (decomposition). ^{1}H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ 7.96 (d, J=7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, J=8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, J=7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (m, 3H), 6.89 (d, J=8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (broad s, 2H), 5.92 (broad s, 1H), 5.36 (broad s, 2H), 4.41 (m, 2H), 4.32 (s, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.93 (d, J=5.8 Hz, 2H), 1.48 (m, 4H); MS (CI) m/e 419

Example 11

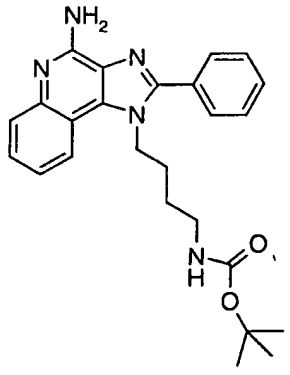
N^4-{4-[4-Amino-2-(2-methoxybenzyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-c]quinolin-1-yl]butyl}-4-morpholinecarboxamide



According to the general method of Example 5, 1-(4-aminobutyl)-2-(4-methoxybenzyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-c]quinolin-4-amine and 4-morpholinecarbonyl chloride were combined to provide N^4-{4-[4-amino-2-(2-methoxybenzyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-c]quinolin-1-yl]butyl}-4-morpholinecarboxamide. ^{1}H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.85-7.81 (m, 2H), 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.17 (d, J=8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, J=8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.62 (broad s, 2H), 4.36 (m, 2H), 4.31 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.64 (t, J=4.9 Hz, 4H), 3.25 (t, J=4.9 Hz, 4H), 3.18 (m, 2H), 1.70 (m, 2H), 1.54 (m, 2H); MS (EI) m/e 488.2533 (488.2536 calcd for $C_{27}H_{32}N_6O_3$).

Example 12

tert-Butyl N-[4-(4-Amino-2-phenyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-l)butyl]carbamate



Part A

A solution of benzoyl chloride (5.3 g, 37.7 mmol) in dichloromethane (100 mL) was slowly added to a solution of *tert*-butyl N-{4-[(3-aminoquinolin-4-

yl)amino]butyl}carbamate (12.5 g, 37.7 mmol) in dichloromethane (250 mL) at ambient temperature. The reaction mixture was maintained at ambient temperature overnight. The resulting precipitate was isolated by filtration and dried to provide 11.0 g of *tert*-butyl N-(4-{[3-(benzoylamino)quinolin-4-yl]amino}butyl)carbamate hydrochloride as a white solid.

Part B

Triethylamine (7.26 g, 71.7 mmol) was added to a solution of the material from Part A in ethanol (200 mL) and heated at reflux for 2 days. The reaction mixture was concentrated to provide an orange syrup. HPLC mass spec analysis showed that the syrup contained the desired product and starting material. The syrup was taken up in dichloromethane (100 mL) and then cooled in an ice bath. Triethylamine (5 mL) and benzoyl chloride (1.9 mL) were added. The reaction mixture was maintained at ambient temperature for 2 days at which time analysis by HPLC indicated that the reaction was not complete. The reaction mixture was concentrated under vacuum. The residue was taken up in isopropyl alcohol (150 mL). Triethylamine (5 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was heated at reflux overnight. The reaction mixture was concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel; eluting with 10% methanol in dichloromethane). The fractions containing product were combined and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was recrystallized from acetonitrile to provide 6.7 g of *tert*-butyl N-[4-(2-phenyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)butyl]carbamate as a solid, m.p. 158-159°C.

Part C

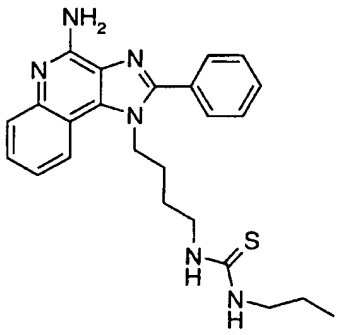
3-Chloroperoxybenzoic acid (1.05 eq of 65%) was slowly added in small portions to a solution of *tert*-butyl N-[4-(2-phenyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)butyl]carbamate (6.56 g, 15.75 mmol) in dichloromethane (120 mL). After 3 hours the reaction was quenched with 1% aqueous sodium bicarbonate (200 mL). The layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (2 X 50 mL). The organic fractions were combined, dried over magnesium sulfate and then concentrated under vacuum to provide a pale orange syrup. The syrup was triturated with diethyl ether to provide 6.8 g of 1-[4-(*tert*-butylcarbamyl)butyl]-2-phenyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinoline-5N-oxide as a pale tan solid, m.p. 178-181°C.

Part D

A solution of 1-[4-(*tert*-butylcarbamyl)butyl]-2-phenyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinoline-5N-oxide (6.8 g, 15.75 mmol) in dichloromethane (100 mL) was chilled in an ice bath. Concentrated ammonium hydroxide (30 mL) was added. Tosyl chloride (3.0 g, 15.75 mmol) was added in small portions over a period of 30 minutes. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to ambient temperature overnight. The reaction was quenched with water (350 mL). The layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane. The organic fractions were combined, dried over magnesium sulfate and then concentrated under vacuum to provide a tan solid. This material was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel eluting with 10% methanol in dichloromethane) to provide 4.8 g of product. A small portion was recrystallized from toluene to provide *tert*-butyl N-[4-(4-amino-2-phenyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)butyl]carbamate as a solid, m.p. 182-183°C. Analysis: Calculated for $C_{25}H_{29}N_5O_2$: %C, 69.58; %H, 6.77; %N, 16.22; Found: %C, 69.86; %H, 6.95; %N, 15.80.

Example 13

N-[4-(4-Amino-2-phenyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)butyl]-N'-propylthiourea



Part A

The *tert*-butyl N-[4-(4-amino-2-phenyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)butyl]carbamate (4.3 g, 10.0 mmol) was dissolved in methanol (15 mL) and 1 N hydrochloric acid (100 mL) and then heated at reflux for 2 hours. The reaction mixture was concentrated under vacuum to a volume of about 50 mL. Addition of concentrated ammonium hydroxide to pH 12 did not produce a precipitate. The pH was adjusted to 7 with 1 N hydrochloric acid. The mixture was extracted with dichloromethane and then

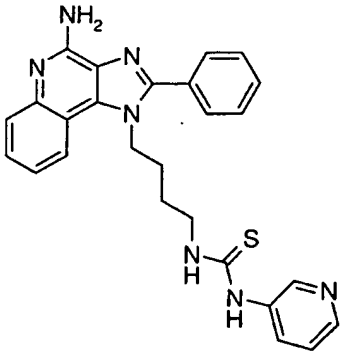
with ethyl acetate. The aqueous layer was concentrated to dryness. The residue was dissolved in water (50 mL) and then extracted continuously with refluxing chloroform for 36 hours. The chloroform extract was concentrated under vacuum to provide a light tan solid. This material was recrystallized from acetonitrile to provide 2.5 g of 1-(4-aminobutyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-4-amine as an off white solid, m.p. 175-177°C. Analysis: Calculated for $C_{20}H_{21}N_5$: %C, 72.48; %H, 6.39; %N, 21.13; Found: %C, 72.72; %H, 6.32; %N, 20.71.

Part B

A solution of propyl isothiocyanate (0.78 g, 7.72 mmol) in chloroform (5 mL) was added at ambient temperature to a solution of 1-(4-aminobutyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-4-amine (0.256 g, 7.72 mmol) in a mixture of chloroform (25 mL) and pyridine (5 mL). The reaction mixture was maintained at ambient temperature over the weekend. The reaction was quenched with ethanol and then concentrated under vacuum to provide a pale orange syrup. This material was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, eluting with 10% methanol in dichloromethane). The pure fractions were combined and concentrated under vacuum to provide 0.22 g of N-[4-(4-amino-2-phenyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)butyl]-N'-propylthiourea as a white solid, m.p. 113-116°C. Mass spec M+1=433.2.

Example 14

N-[4-(4-Amino-2-phenyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)butyl]-N'-(3-pyridyl)thiourea

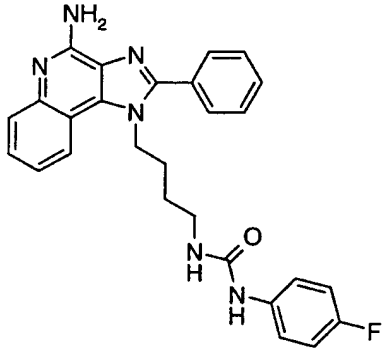


A solution of pyridine-3-isothiocyanate (0.136 g, 1.0 mmol) in chloroform (5 mL) was added at ambient temperature to a solution of 1-(4-aminobutyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-4-amine (0.331 g, 1.0 mmol) in a mixture of chloroform (25 mL)

and pyridine (5 mL). The reaction mixture was maintained at ambient temperature over the weekend. The reaction was quenched with ethanol and then concentrated under vacuum to provide an off-white solid. This material was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, eluting with 10% methanol in dichloromethane). The pure fractions were combined and concentrated under vacuum to provide 0.2 g of N-[4-(4-amino-2-phenyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)butyl]-N'-(3-pyridyl)thiourea as a white solid, m.p. 118-120°C. Mass spec M+1=468.3. Analysis: Calculated for $C_{26}H_{25}N_7S$: %C, 66.79; %H, 5.39; %N, 20.97; Found: %C, 64.29; %H, 5.46; %N, 20.06.

Example 15

N-[4-(4-amino-2-phenyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)butyl]-N'-(4-fluorophenyl)urea



A solution of 4-fluorophenylisocyanate (0.137 g, 1.0 mmol) in chloroform (5 mL) was added at ambient temperature to a solution of 1-(4-aminobutyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-4-amine (0.331 g, 1.0 mmol) in a mixture of chloroform (25 mL) and pyridine (5 mL). The reaction mixture was maintained at ambient temperature over the weekend. The reaction was quenched with ethanol. The resulting pale yellow precipitate (identified as the bis-adduct) was isolated by filtration. The filtrate was concentrated under vacuum to provide an off-white solid. This material was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, eluting with 10% methanol in dichloromethane). The pure fractions were combined and concentrated under vacuum to provide 0.22 g of N-[4-(4-amino-2-phenyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)butyl]-N'-(4-fluorophenyl)urea as a white solid, m.p. 145-150°C. Mass spec M+1=469.2. Analysis: $C_{27}H_{25}FN_6O$: %C, 69.21; %H, 5.37; %N, 17.94; Found: %C, 66.70; %H, 5.33; %N, 17.03.

Examples 16 - 52

The compounds shown in the table below were made according to the synthetic method of Reaction Scheme II above.

A solution of 1-(4-aminobutyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-4-amine (36 µmol) in 10 mL of dichloromethane in a screw-capped test tube was cooled down to -5°C. The isocyanate (45 µmol) was added as a 0.3 M solution in dichloromethane. Argon was bubbled through the mixture during addition and for an additional 15 seconds, and the mixture was allowed to stand at -5°C overnight. To this mixture was added approximately 90 mg of an aminomethyl polystyrene resin (0.62 meq/g, 100-200 mesh), and the mixture was warmed to reflux and shaken at about 600 rpm for 3 hours. The mixtures were filtered through Poly-Prep columns (Bio-Rad #731-1550) to remove resin. Three different purification methods were used. In Method A the filtrate was loaded onto a silica gel column. The column was eluted with 10:1 dichloromethane:methanol and the fractions containing product were combined and dried in vacuo. In Method C the filtrates were dried in vacuo and purified by semi-preparative hplc on a Gilson system (Rainin Microsorb C18 column , 21.4 x 250 mm, 8 micron particle size, 60A pore, 10 mL/min., gradient elution from 2-95% B in 25 min., hold at 95% B for 5 min., where A=0.1 % trifluoroacetic acid/water and B=0.1% Trifluoroacetic acid/acetonitrile, peak detection at 254 nm for triggering fraction collection). The semi-prep hplc fractions were analyzed by LC-APCI/MS and the appropriate fractions were lyophilized to provide the compounds as trifluoroacetate salts. In Method B the compounds were purified by Method C and then the trifluoroacetate salts were dissolved in ca. 3-5 mL of 2:1 dichloromethane-methanol and shaken with ca. 80 mg (300 µmol) of diisopropylaminomethyl-polystyrene resin (Argonaut PS-DIEA, 3.86 mmol/g) for 1-2 h to liberate the free amine, and then filtered and dried in vacuo. The compounds were generally amorphous solids.

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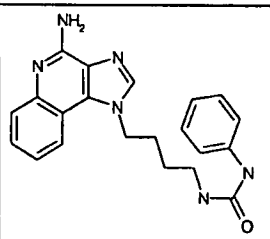
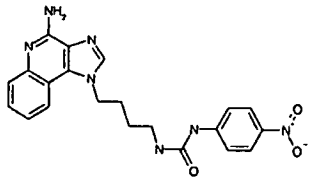
16		A	375.19	(DMSO-d_6) δ 8.38 (s,1H), 8.22 (s,1H), 8.05 (d,J=7.9Hz,1H), 7.61 (d,7.9Hz,1H), 7.43 (t,J=7.6Hz,1H), 7.36 (d,J=7.3Hz,2H), 7.24 (t,J=7.3Hz,1H), 7.20 (t,J=7.9Hz,2H), 6.87 (t,J=7.3Hz,1H), 6.60 (bs,2H), 6.14 (t,J=5.8Hz,1H), 4.63 (t,J=7Hz,2H), 3.15 (q,J=6Hz,2H), 1.88 (quintet,J=7Hz,2H), 1.49 (quintet,J=7Hz,2H)
17		B	420.16	(DMSO-d_6) δ 9.37 (s,1H), 8.42 (s,1H), 8.16 (d,J=7.8Hz,1H), 8.12 (d,J=9.3Hz,2H), 7.74 (d,J=8.3Hz,1H), 7.59 (m,3H), 7.43 (t,J=6Hz,1H), 6.58 (t,J=5.4Hz,1H), 4.68 (t,J=7Hz,2H), 3.15 (q,J=6Hz,2H), 1.89 (quintet,J=7.5Hz,2H), 1.52 (quintet,J=7Hz,2H)

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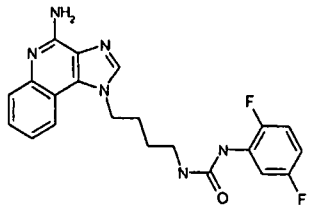
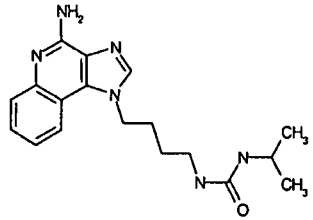
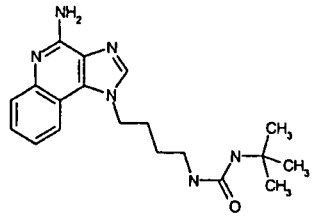
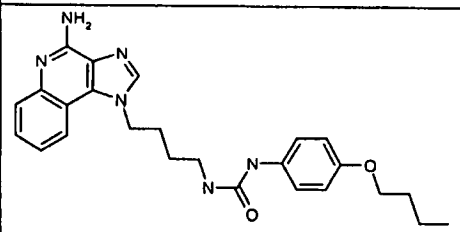
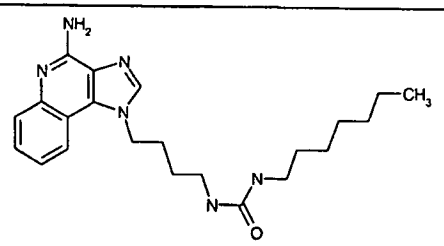
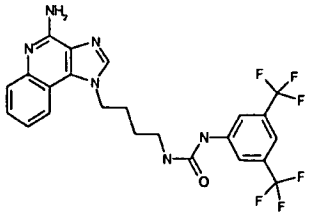
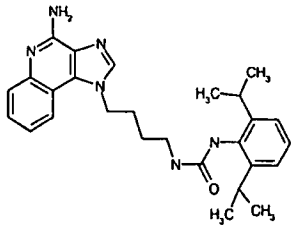
18		C	411.17	
19		B	341.22	(DMSO-d_6) δ 8.40 (s,1H), 8.15 (d,J=7.8Hz,1H), 7.75 (d,J=8.1Hz,1H), 7.62 (t,J=7Hz,1H), 7.46 (s,J=7Hz,1H), 5.71 (t,J=7Hz,1H), 5.60 (d,J=8Hz,1H), 4.65 (t,J=6.5Hz,2H), 3.61 (sextet,J=7.5Hz,1H), 3.01 (q,J=6Hz,2H), 1.84 (quintet,J=7.5Hz,2H), 1.42 (quintet,J=7Hz,2H), 0.97 (d,J=6.5Hz,6H)
20		B	355.24	(DMSO-d_6) δ 8.42 (s,1H), 8.17 (d,J=8.3Hz,1H), 7.76 (d,J=8.3Hz,1H), 7.64 (t,J=8.5Hz,1H), 7.48 (s,1H), 5.66 (t,J=6Hz,1H), 5.54 (s,1H), 4.66 (t,J=7Hz,2H), 2.98 (q,J=6Hz,2H), 1.84 (quintet,J=8Hz,2H), 1.41 (quintet,J=8Hz,2H), 1.17 (s,9H)

Example No.	Structure	Purification	APCI-MS m/e	500 MHz ^{1}H NMR
21		B	447.21	(DMSO-d_6) δ 8.43 (s,1H), 8.3 (br s,1H), 8.26 (s,1H), 8.17 (d,J=7.8Hz,1H), 7.75 (d,J=8.3Hz,1H), 7.61 (t,J=8.1Hz,1H), 7.44 (t,J=7.8Hz,1H), 7.23 (d,J=6.8Hz,2H), 6.78 (d,J=6.8Hz,2H), 6.12 (t,J=6.1Hz,1H), 4.68 (t,J=7Hz,2H), 3.88 (t,J=6.5Hz,2H), 3.11 (q,J=6Hz,2H), 1.88 (quintet,J=7Hz,2H), 1.66 (quintet,J=8Hz,2H), 1.49 (quintet,J=7Hz,2H), 1.41 (quintet,J=7Hz,2H), 0.92 (t,J=7Hz,3H)
22		B	447.00	(DMSO-d_6) δ 8.39 (s, 1H), 8.28 (bs,1H), 8.15 (d,J=7.8Hz,1H), 7.75 (d,J=7.8Hz,1H), 7.61 (t,J=7.8Hz,1H), 7.45 (t,J=7.6Hz,1H), 5.81 (t,J=6Hz,1H), 5.75 (t,J=6Hz,1H), 4.65 (t,J=7.5Hz,2H), 3.02 (q,J=6.5Hz,2H), 2.92 (q,J=6.0Hz,2H), 1.84 (quintet,J=7.5Hz,2H), 1.43 (quintet,J=7Hz,2H), 1.30 (quintet,J=7Hz,2H), 1.22 (bs,J=8Hz,8H), 0.84 (t,J=7.5Hz,3H)

Example No.	Structure	Purification	APCI-MS m/e	500 MHz ^{1}H NMR
23		B	511.11	(DMSO-d_6) δ 9.6-8.6 (b,2H), 9.35 (s,1H), 8.55 (s,1H), 8.24 (d,J=8.0Hz,1H), 8.06 (s,2H), 7.82 (d,J=8.0Hz,1H), 7.69 (t,J= 8.0Hz,1H), 7.55 (t,J= 8.0Hz,1H), 7.54 (s,1H), 6.70 (t,J=6.0,1H), 4.72 (t,J=7.5 Hz,2H), 3.15 (q,J=6.0Hz,2H), 1.90 (quintet,J=7.0 Hz,2H), 1.54 (quintet,J=7.5 Hz,2H)
24		B	459.35	(DMSO-d_6) δ 8.32 (bs,1H), 8.28 (bs,1H), 8.13 (d,J=8.8Hz,1H), 7.70 (d,J=7.6Hz,1H), 7.55 (t,J=6.8Hz,1H), 7.38 (t,1H), 7.34 (bs,1H), 7.17 (t,J=8Hz,1H), 7.06 (d,J=8Hz,2H), 6.1 (bs,2H), 4.66 (t,J=7.5Hz,2H), 3.10 (bs,2H), 3.04 (quintet,J=7Hz,1H), 1.88 (bm,2H), 1.48 (bm,2H), 1.02 (d,J=7Hz,12H)

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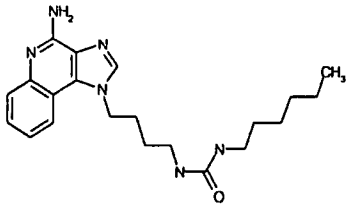
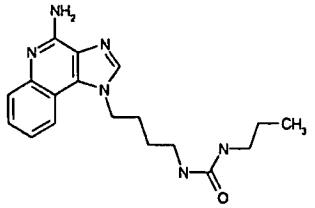
25		C	383.22	(DMSO-d_6) δ 8.52 (s,1H), 8.22 (d,J=8Hz,1H), 7.83 (d,J=8Hz,1H), 7.72 (t,J=8Hz,1H), 7.58 (t,J=8Hz,1H), 5.80 (t,J=5Hz,1H), 5.75 (t,J=5.5Hz,1H), 4.68 (t,J=7.0Hz,2H), 3.02 (q,J=6.5Hz,2H), 2.92 (q,J=6Hz,2H), 1.84 (quintet,J=7Hz,2H), 1.44 (quintet,J=7Hz,2H), 1.29 (t,J=7Hz,2H), 1.2 (m,6H), 0.84 (t,J=7Hz,3H)
26		C	341.21	(DMSO-d_6) δ 8.52 (s,1H), 8.23 (d,J=8Hz,1H), 7.83 (d,J=8Hz,1H), 7.72 (t,J=7.5Hz,1H), 7.57 (t,J=7Hz,1H), 5.80 (t,J=6.5Hz,1H), 5.77 (t,J=6Hz,1H), 4.68 (t,J=7.5Hz,2H), 3.02 (q,J=6.5Hz,2H), 2.89 (q,J=6.5Hz,2H), 1.84 (quintet,J=7.5Hz,2H), 1.43 (quintet,J=8Hz,2H), 1.31 (sextet,J=7Hz,2H), 0.78 (t,J=7.5Hz,3H)

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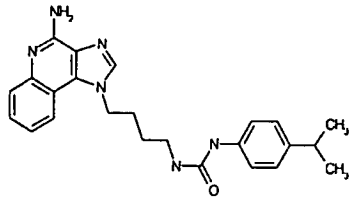
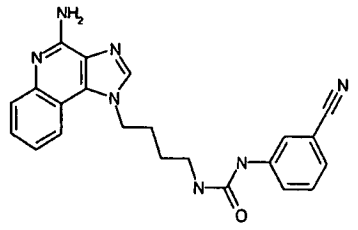
27		C	417.18	(DMSO-d_6) δ 9.6-8.6 (b,2H), 8.55 (s,1H), 8.33 (bs,1H), 8.24 (d,J=7.5Hz,1H), 7.83 (d,J=7.5Hz,1H), 7.72 (t,J=7.5 Hz,1H), 7.56 (t,J=7.5Hz,1H), 7.25 (d,J= 8.0Hz,2H), 7.06 (d,J=8 Hz,2H), 6.17 (t,J=5.5 Hz,1H), 4.71 (t,J=7.0 Hz,2H), 3.12 (q,J= 5.5 Hz,2H), 2.79 (quintet,J= 7.0 Hz,1H), 1.89 (quintet,J= 7.0Hz,2H), 1.51 (quintet,J=7.0 Hz,2H), 1.16 (d,J= 7.0Hz,6H)
28		B	400.18	(DMSO-d_6) δ 8.88 (s,1H), 8.32 (s,1H), 8.22 (bs,1H), 8.11 (d,J=8Hz,1H), 7.91 (t,J=1.7Hz,1H), 7.68 (d,J=8Hz,1H), 7.55 (d,J=9.5Hz,1H), 7.51 (t,J=8.1Hz,1H), 7.41 (t,J=8.3Hz,1H), 7.34 (t,J=7.1Hz,1H), 6.41 (t,J=7Hz,1H), 4.66 (t,J=6.5Hz,2H), 3.13 (q,J=6Hz,2H), 1.89 (quintet,J=7.5Hz,2H), 1.50 (quintet,J=7Hz,2H)

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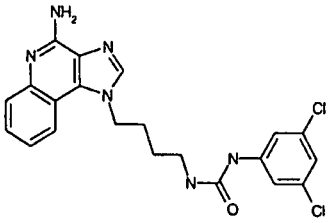
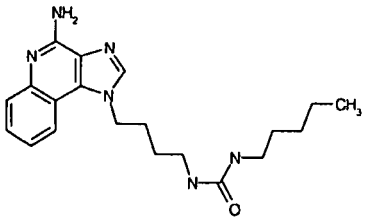
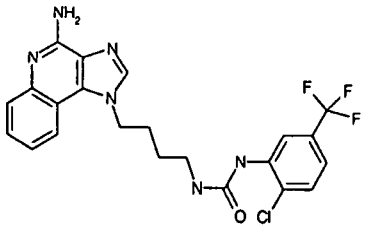
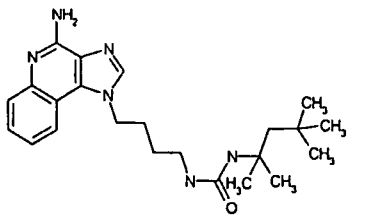
29		B	443.10	(DMSO-d_6) δ 8.97 (s,1H), 8.46 (s,1H), 8.19 (d,J=7.8Hz,1H), 7.77 (d,J=8.3Hz,1H), 7.63 (t,J=8.1Hz,1H), 7.48 (t,J=7.3Hz,1H), 7.44 (s,2H), 7.05 (t,J=1.7Hz,1H), 6.49 (t,J=5.6Hz,1H), 4.69 (t,J=7Hz,2H), 3.12 (q,J=6.5Hz,2H), 1.88 (quintet,J=8Hz,2H), 1.50 (quintet,J=7Hz,2H)
30		B	369.24	(DMSO-d_6) δ 8.80 (b, 2H), 8.52 (s, 1H), 8.23 (d, J= 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d,J=8.0Hz,1H), 7.73 (t,J=8.0Hz,1H), 7.58 (t J=7.5Hz,1H), 5.80 (t, J=5.5Hz,1H), 5.75 (t, J=5.5Hz,1H), 4.68 (t, J= 7.0Hz,2H), 3.02 (q, J=5.5Hz,2H), 2.92 (q, J=5.5Hz,2H), 1.84 (quintet,J= 7.0Hz,2H), 1.44 (quintet, J= 7.0 Hz,2H), 1.30 (quintet, J= 7.0Hz,2H), 1.23 (quintet, J=7.0 Hz,2H), 1.18 (sextet, J= 7.0Hz,2H), 0.83 (t,J=7.0Hz,3H)

Example No.	Structure	Purification	APCI-MS m/e	500 MHz ^{1}H NMR
31		B	477.08	(DMSO-d_6) δ 9.6-8.6 (b, 2H), 8.60 (d, J= 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.56 (s, 1H), 8.26 (s, 1H), 8.25 (d, J=8 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J=8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (t, j=8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, J= 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, J=8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (dd, J=8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (t, J=5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (t, J= 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.16 (q, J= 5.5 Hz, 2H), 1.92 (quintet, J= 7Hz, 2H), 1.54 (quintet, J= 7.0 Hz, 2H)
32		B	411.23	(DMSO-d_6) δ 9.6-8.6 (b,2H), 8.53 (s,1H), 8.24 (d,J=8.5Hz,1H), 7.84 (d,J=8.5Hz,1H), 7.74 (t,J=8.5Hz,1H), 7.59 (t,J=8.5 Hz,1H), 5.63 (t,J=6.0Hz,1H), 5.44 (s,1H), 4.70 (t,J=7.0Hz,2H), 2.98 (q,J=6.0Hz,2H), 1.83 (quintet,J=7.0Hz,2H), 1.59 (s,2H), 1.40 (quintet, J=7.0Hz,2H), 1.19 (s,6H), 0.84 (s,9H)

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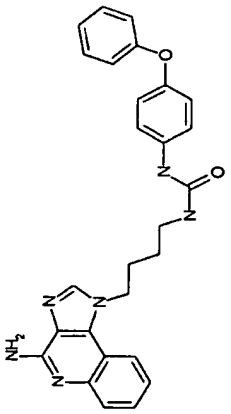
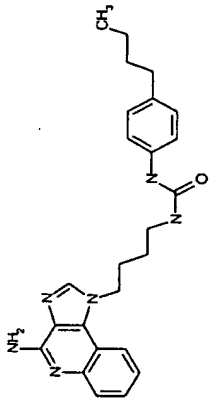
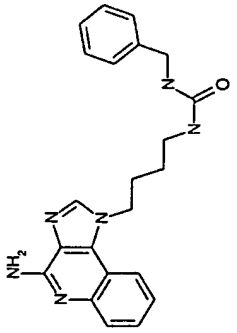
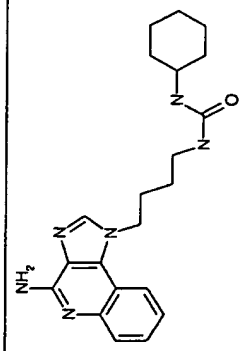
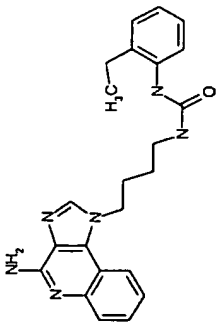
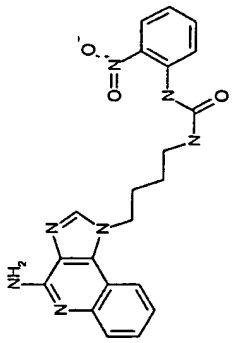
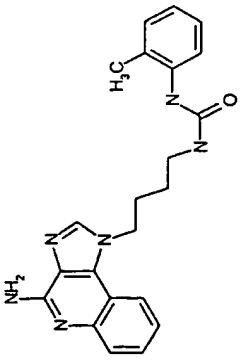
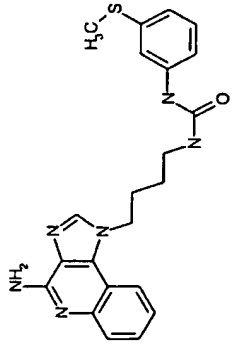
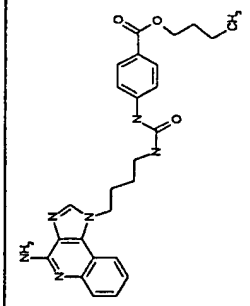
33		C	467.21	
34		C	431.26	
35		C	389.20	

Example No.	Structure	Purification	APCI-MS m/e	500 MHz ^{1}H NMR
36		C	403.22	
37		C	405.19	
38		C	417.24	

Example No.	Structure	Purification	APCI-MS m/e	500 MHz ^{1}H NMR
39		C	381.26	
40		C	403.23	
41		C	420.18	

Example No.	Structure	Purification	APCI-MS m/e	500 MHz ^{1}H NMR
42		C	453.09	
43		C	433.18	
44		C	419.18	

Example No.	Structure	Purification	APCI-MS m/e	500 MHz ^{1}H NMR
45		C	451.17	
46		C	443.14	
47		C	421.14	

Example No.	Structure	Purification	APCI-MS m/e	500 MHz ^{1}H NMR
48		C	389.18	
49		C	421.14	
50		C	475.20	

Example No.	Structure	Purification	APCI-MS m/e	500 MHz ^{1}H NMR
51		C	417.20	
52		C	355.21	

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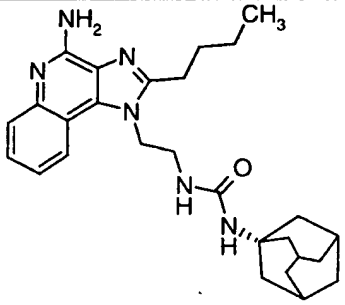
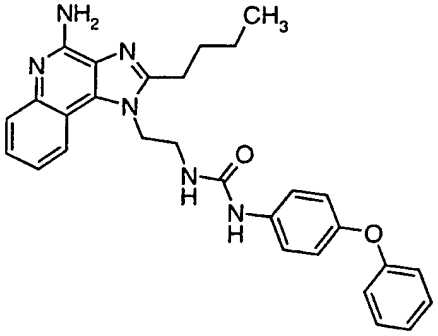
The examples in the table below were prepared according to the synthetic method of Reaction Scheme II above using the following general method. 1-(2-Aminoethyl)-2-butyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-c]quinolin-4-amine (50 mg), dichloromethane (2 mL) and the isocyanate were placed in a 2 dram (7.4 mL) vial. The vial was placed on a shaker for about 2 – 16 hours at ambient temperature. The reaction mixture was analyzed by LC/MS to confirm the formation of the desired product. The solvent was removed and the residue was purified by semi-preparative HPLC (Capcell Pak C18 column, 35 mm x 20 mm, 5 micron particle size, 20 mL/min., gradient elution from 5-95% B in 10 min., hold at 95% B for 2 min., where A=0.1 % trifluoroacetic acid/water and B=0.1 % trifluoroacetic acid/acetonitrile, peak detection at 254 nm for triggering fraction collection). The semi-prep HPLC fractions were analyzed by LC-APCI/MS and the appropriate fractions were combined and lyophilized to provide the trifluoroacetate salt of the desired urea.

Example #	Structure of the Free Base	mass
53		461.2
54		495.1

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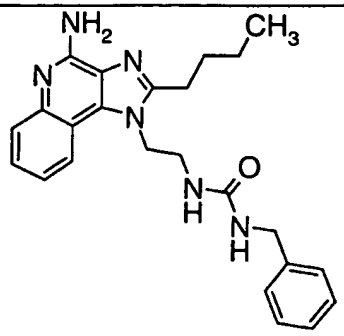
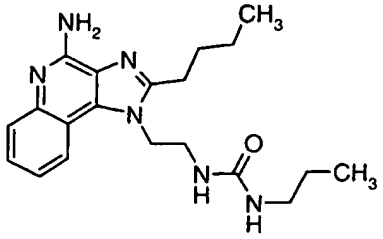
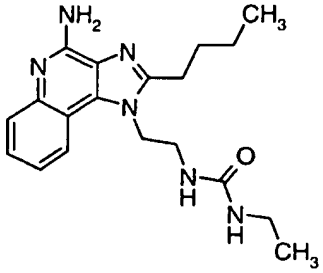
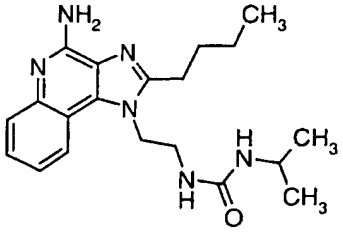
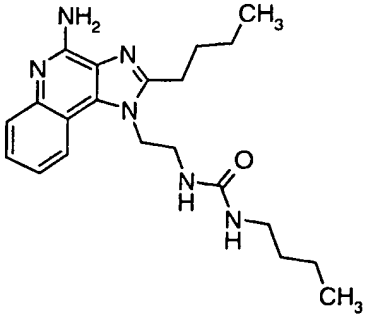
55		417.1
56		369.2
57		355
58		369.2
59		383.3

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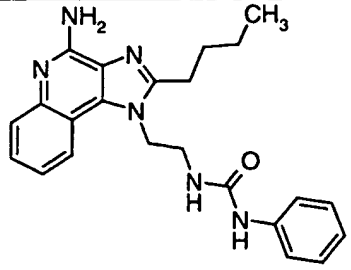
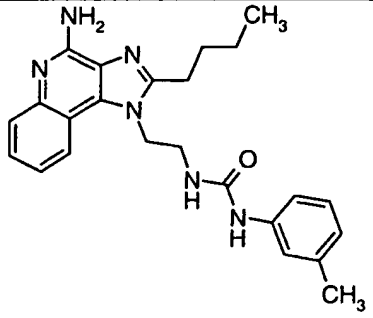
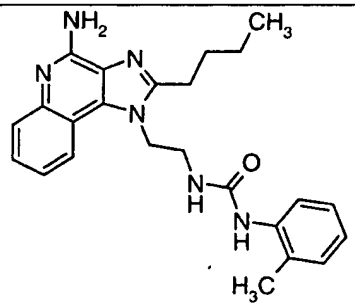
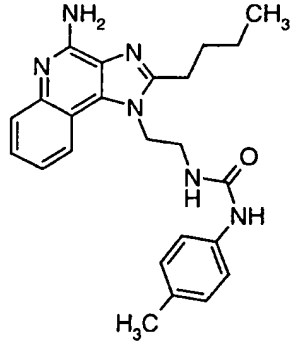
60		403.2
61		417.2
62		417.2
63		417.2

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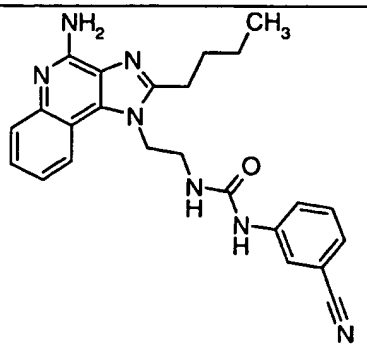
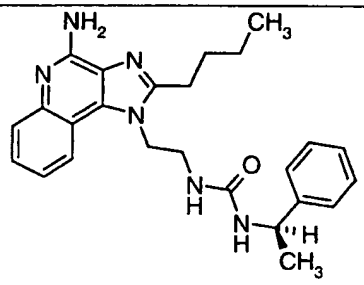
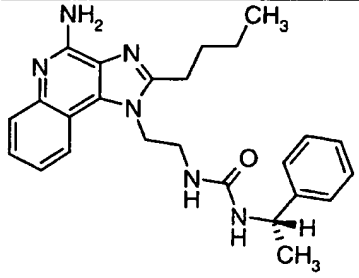
64		428.2
65		431.2
66		431.2

Examples 67 - 69

The examples in the table below were prepared using the following method. 1-(2-Aminoethyl)-2-ethoxymethyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-c]quinolin-4-amine hydrochloride (50 mg), dichloromethane (2 mL) and diisopropylethylamine (1.2 eq) were placed in a 2 dram (7.4 mL) vial. The vial was placed on a shaker for about 1 hour at ambient temperature. The appropriate (thio)isocyanate was added and the vial was shaken at ambient temperature for about 4 hours. The reaction mixture was analyzed by LC/MS to confirm the formation of the desired product. The solvent was removed and the residue was purified by semi-preparative HPLC (Capcell Pak C18 column, 35 mm x 20 mm, 5 micron particle size, 20 mL/min., gradient elution from 5-95% B in 10 min., hold at 95% B for 2 min., where A=0.1 % trifluoroacetic acid/water and B=0.1 % trifluoroacetic acid/acetonitrile, peak

detection at 254 nm for triggering fraction collection). The semi-prep HPLC fractions were analyzed by LC-APCI/MS and the appropriate fractions were combined and lyophilized to provide the trifluoroacetate salt of the desired (thio)urea.

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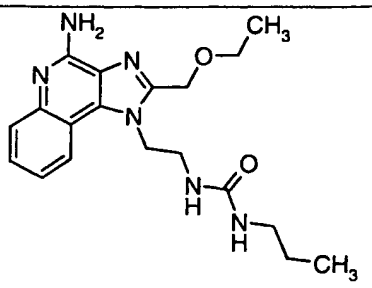
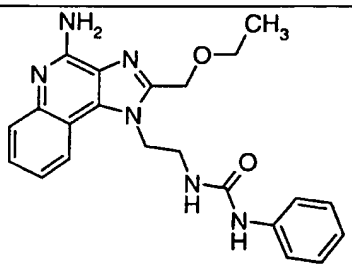
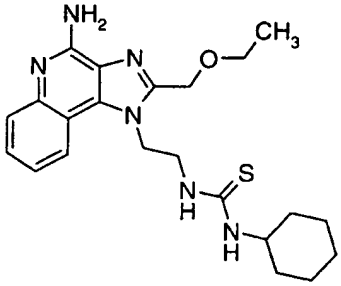
67		371.1
68		405.1
69		427.1

Examples 70 - 99

The examples in the table below were prepare according to the synthetic method of Reaction Scheme II above by reacting 1-(4-aminobutyl)-2-butyl-1*H*imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-4-amine with the appropriate isocyanate using the general method of Examples 53 – 66 above.

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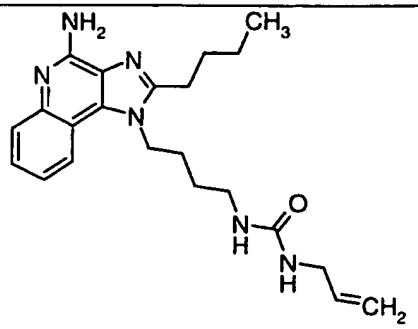
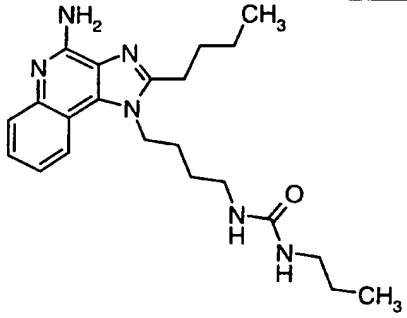
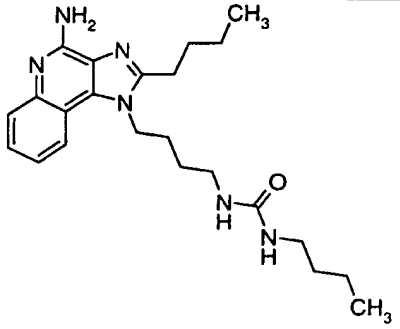
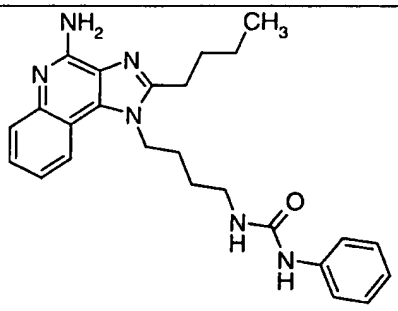
70		395.2
71		397.3
72		411.3
73		431.2

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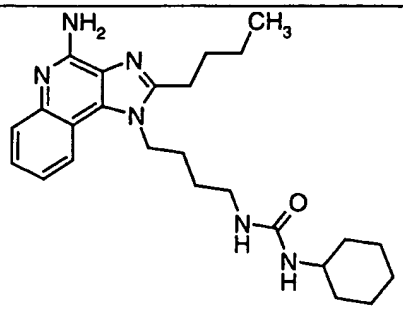
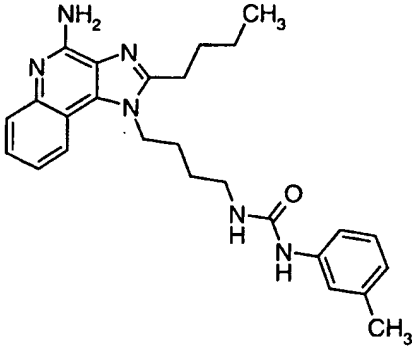
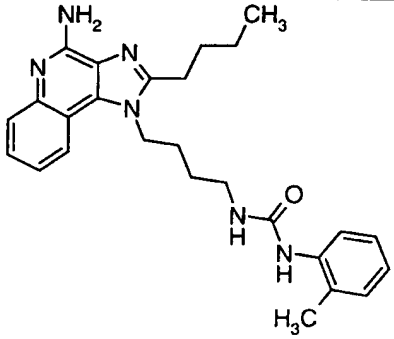
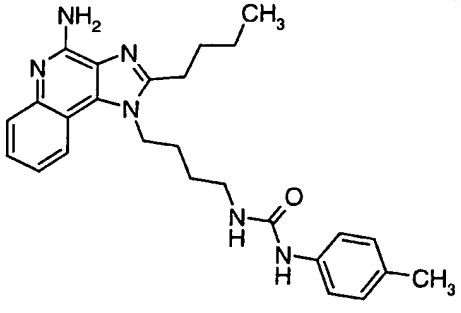
74		437.3
75		445.2
76		445.20
77		445.2

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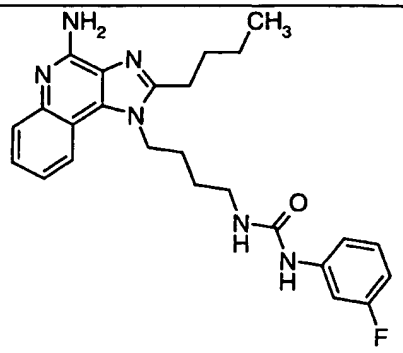
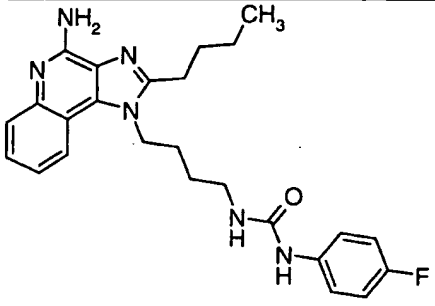
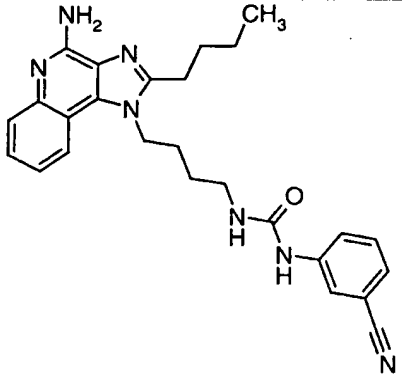
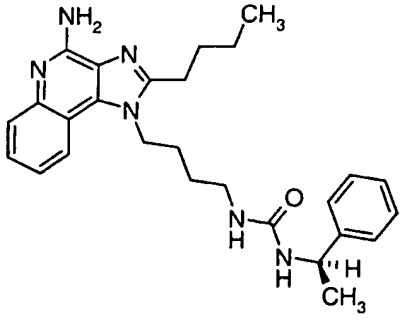
78		449.2
79		449.2
80		456.2
81		459.3

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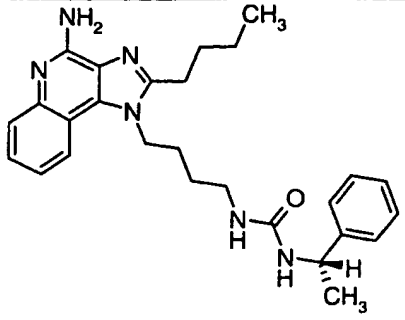
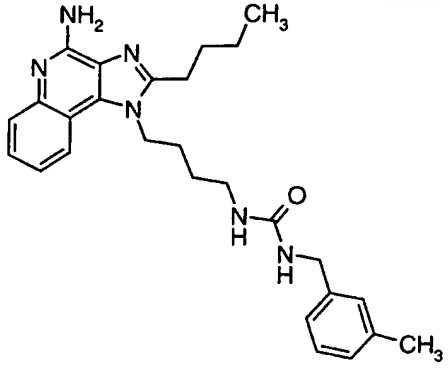
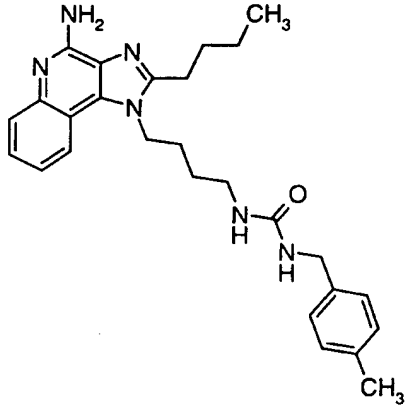
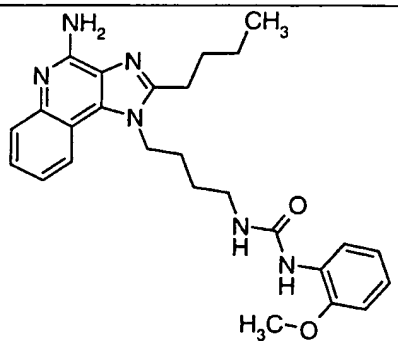
82		459.3
83		459.3
84		459.3
85		461.3

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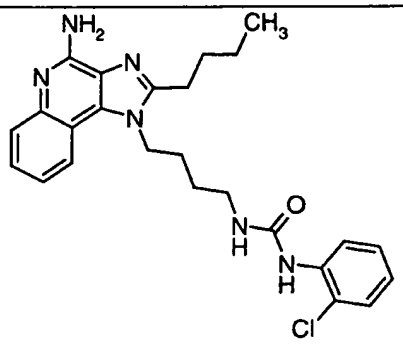
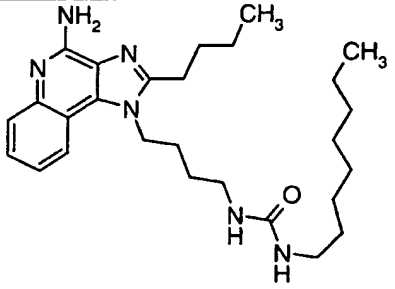
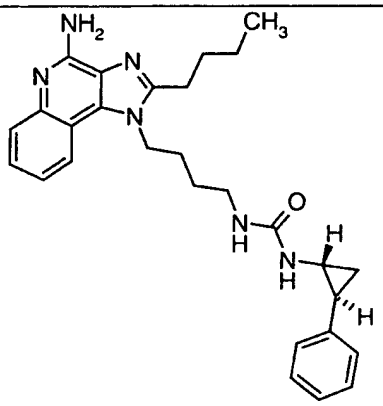
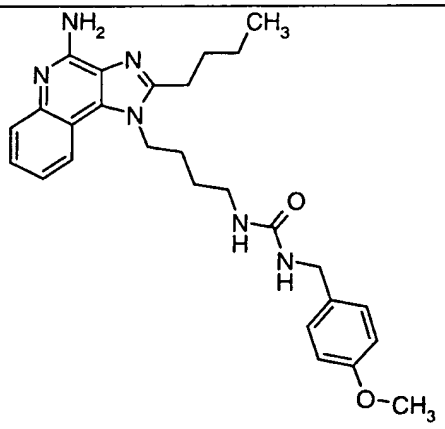
86		465.2
87		467.3
88		471.3
89		475.3

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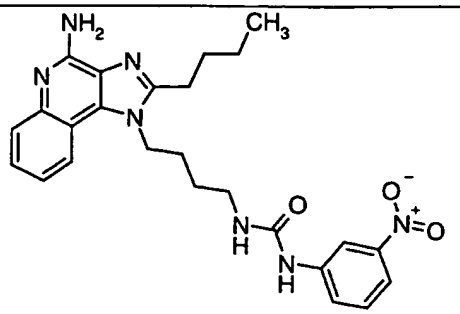
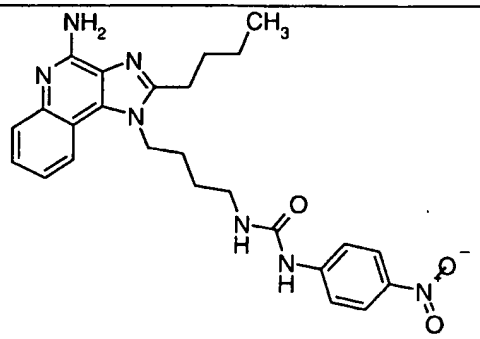
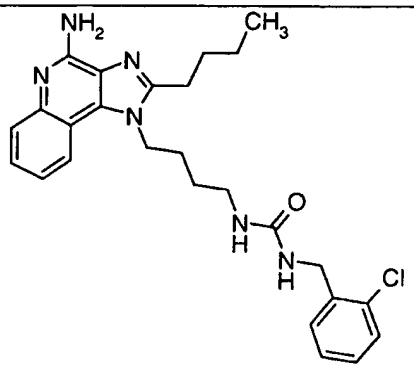
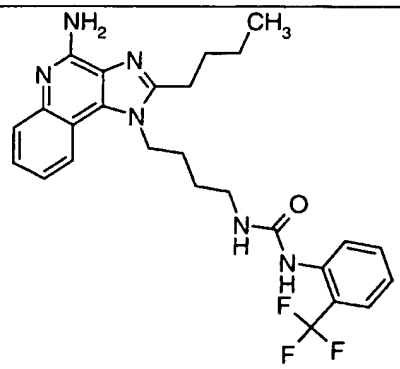
90		476.2
91		476.2
92		479.2
93		499.2

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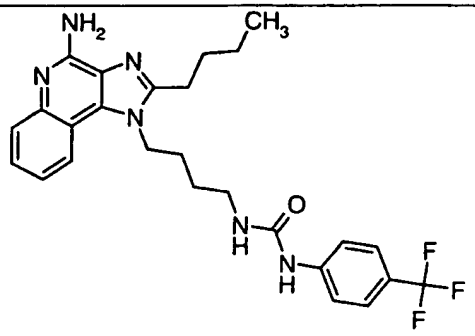
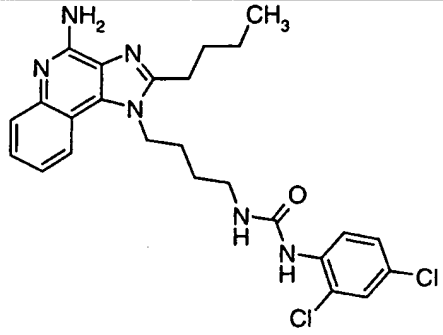
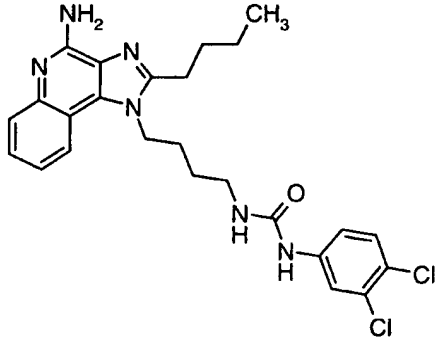
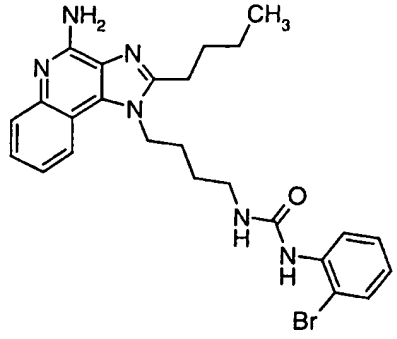
94		499.2
95		499.2, 501.1
96		499.2, 501.1
97		509, 511.1

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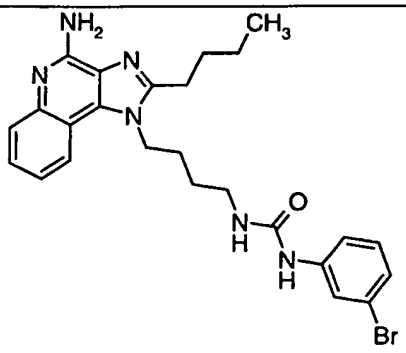
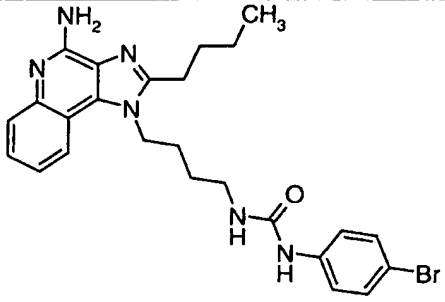
98		509, 511.1
99		509, 511.1

Examples 100 - 119

The examples in the table below were prepare according to the synthetic method of Reaction Scheme II above by reacting 1-(4-aminobutyl)-2-(2-methoxyethyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-4-amine with the appropriate isocyanate using the general method of Examples 53 - 66 above.

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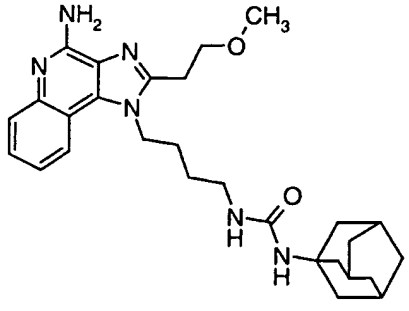
100		491.3

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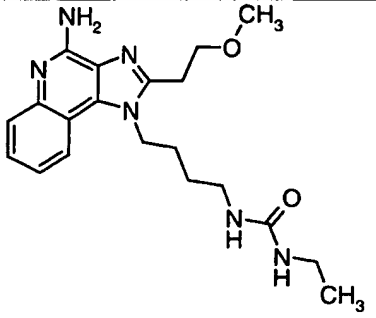
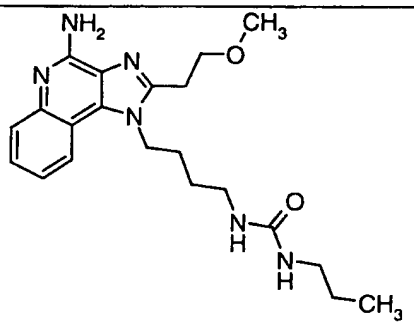
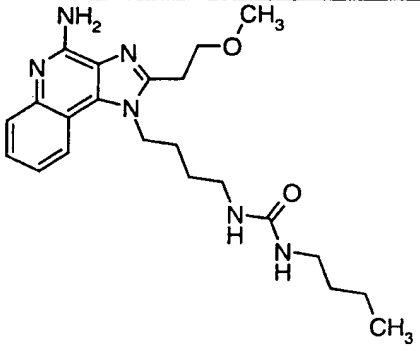
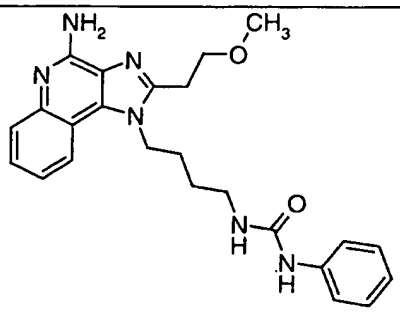
101		385.2
102		399.2
103		413.2
104		433.2

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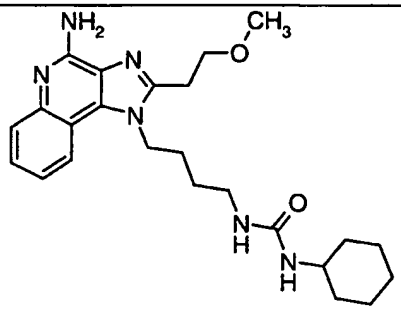
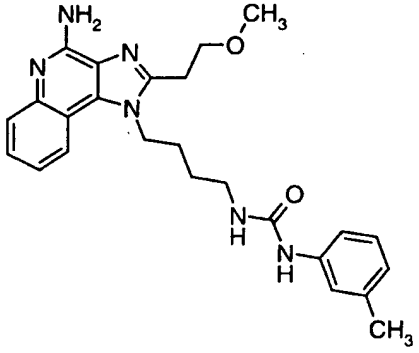
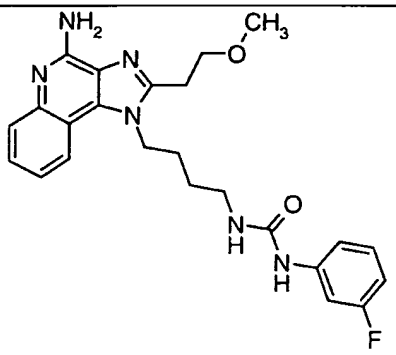
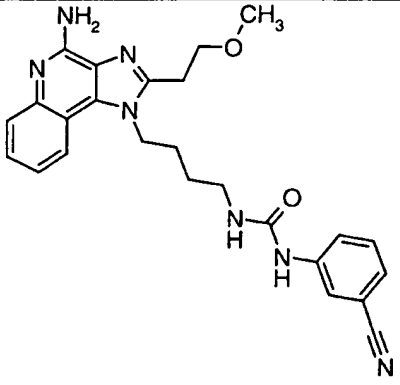
105		439.2
106		447.2
107		451.1
108		458.2

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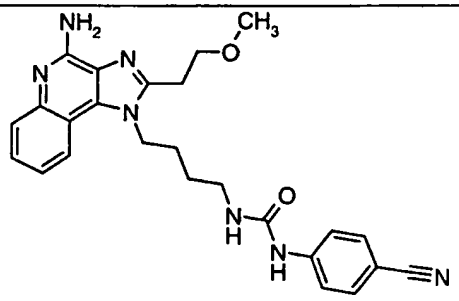
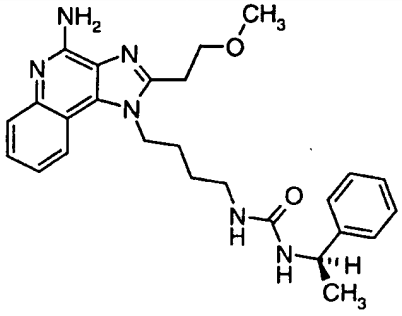
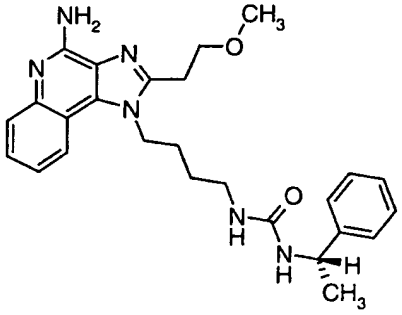
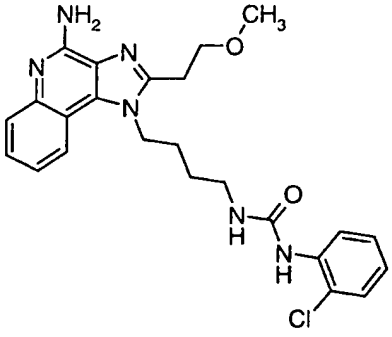
109		458.2
110		461.2
111		461.2
112		467.1

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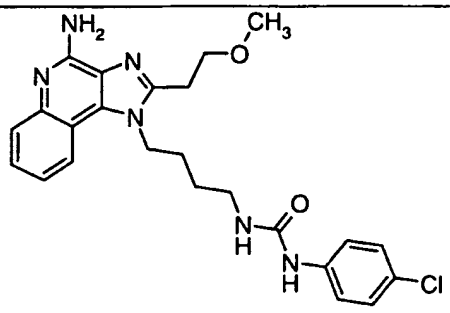
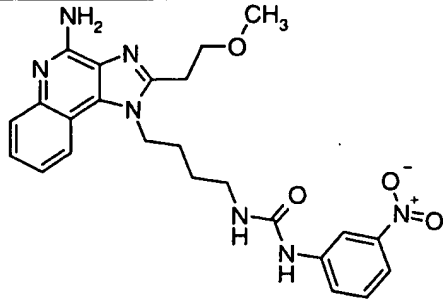
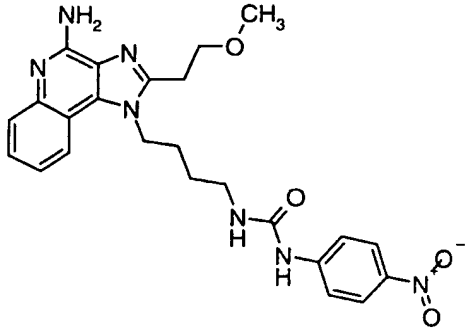
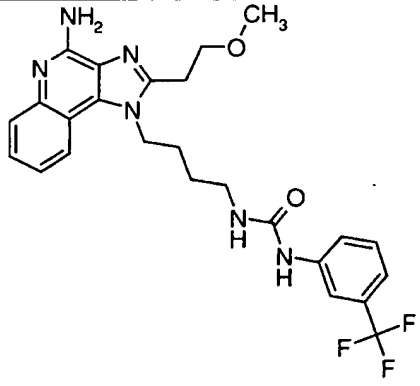
113		467.1
114		478.1
115		478.1
116		501.2

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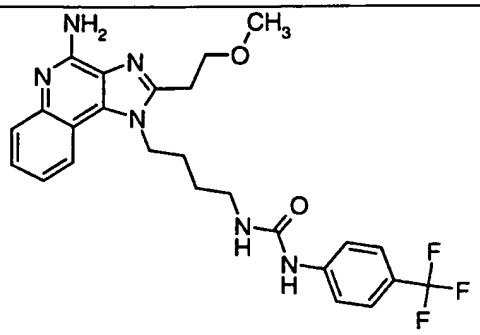
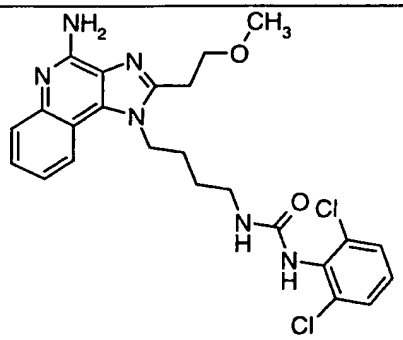
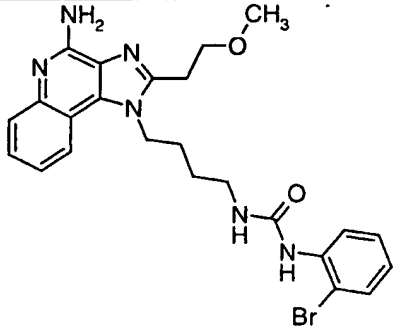
117		501.2
118		501.0, 503.1
119		511, 513.1

Examples 120 - 122

The examples in the table below were prepared according to the synthetic method of Reaction Scheme III above using the following method. 1-(4-Aminobutyl)-2-(2-methoxyethyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-c]quinolin-4-amine (50 mg), diisopropylethylamine (34 µL), dichloromethane (2 mL) and the carbamyl chloride (1.1 eq) were placed in a 2 dram (7.4 mL) vial. The vial was placed on a shaker for about 2 hours at ambient temperature. The reaction mixture was analyzed by LC/MS to confirm the formation of the desired product. The solvent was removed and the residue was purified by semi-preparative HPLC (Capcell Pak C18 column, 35 mm x 20 mm, 5 micron particle size, 20 mL/min., gradient

elution from 5-95% B in 10 min., hold at 95% B for 2 min., where A=0.1 % trifluoroacetic acid/water and B=0.1 % trifluoroacetic acid/acetonitrile, peak detection at 254 nm for triggering fraction collection). The semi-prep HPLC fractions were analyzed by LC-APCI/MS and the appropriate fractions were combined and lyophilized to provide the trifluoroacetate salt of the desired urea.

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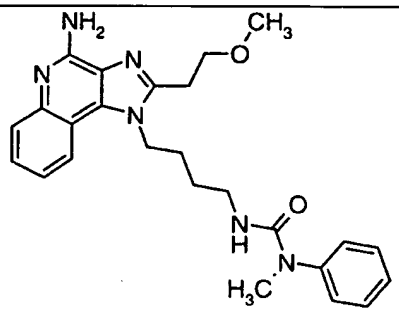
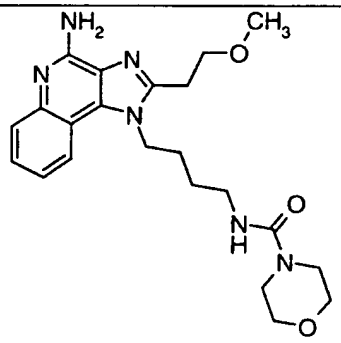
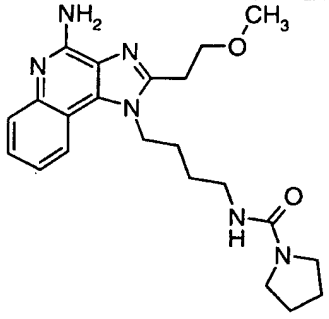
120		447.3
121		427.2
122		411.3

Examples 123 - 124

The examples in the table below were prepare according to the synthetic method of Reaction Scheme II above by reacting 1-(4-aminobutyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenylmethyl)-1*H*-

imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-4-amine with the appropriate isocyanate using the general method of Examples 53 - 66 above.

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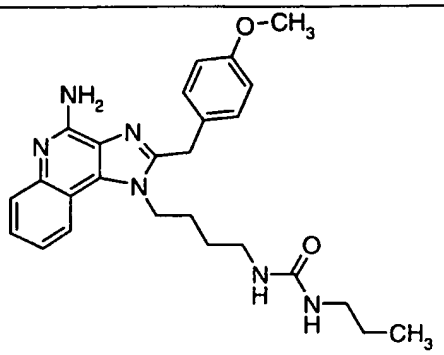
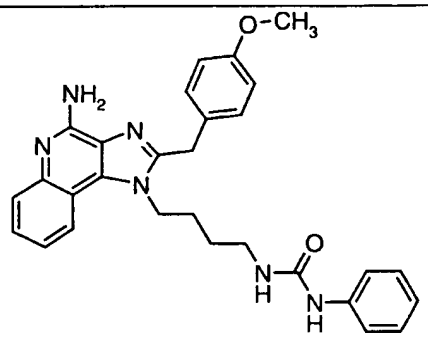
123		461.3
124		495.3

Examples 125 - 131

The examples in the table below were prepared according to the synthetic method of Reaction Scheme II above using the following method. 1-(4-Aminobutyl)-2-(2-methoxyethyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-c]quinolin-4-amine (50 mg), dichloromethane (2 mL) and the thioisocyanate (1.1 eq) were placed in a 2 dram (7.4 mL) vial. The vial was placed on a sonicator for about 30-60 minutes at ambient temperature. The reaction mixture was analyzed by LC/MS to confirm the formation of the desired product. The solvent was removed and the residue was purified by semi-preparative HPLC (Capcell Pak C18 column, 35 mm x 20 mm, 5 micron particle size, 20 mL/min., gradient elution from 5-95% B in 10 min., hold at 95% B for 2 min., where A=0.1 % trifluoroacetic acid/water and B=0.1 % trifluoroacetic acid/acetonitrile, peak detection at 254 nm for triggering fraction collection). The semi-prep HPLC fractions were analyzed by LC-APCI/MS and the

appropriate fractions were combined and lyophilized to provide the trifluoroacetate salt of the desired thiourea.

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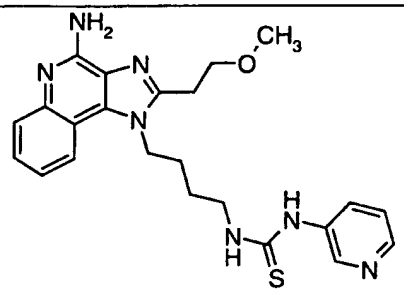
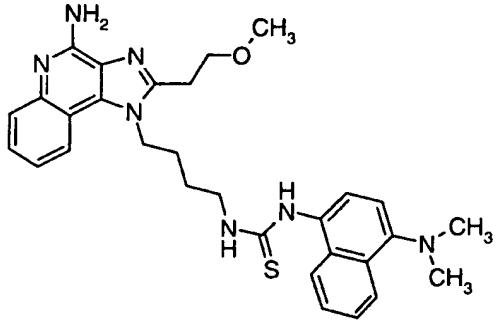
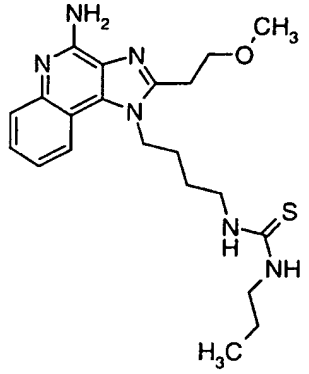
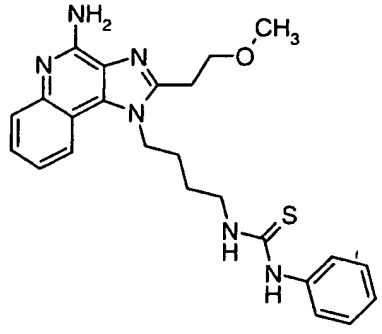
125		450.1
126		542.2
127		415.1
128		449.1

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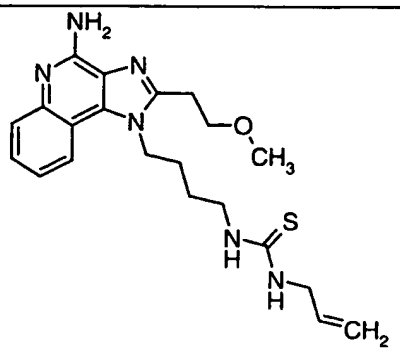
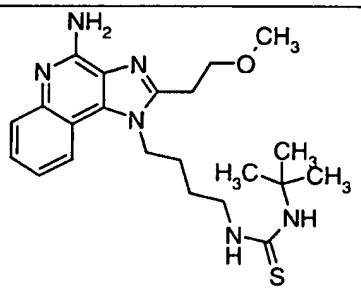
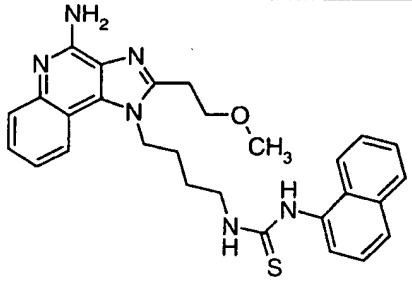
129		413.1
130		429.2
131		499.2

Examples 132 - 137

The examples in the table below were prepared according to the synthetic route shown in Reaction Scheme VII above.

Part A

The tetrahydroquinoline amine starting materials were prepared as follows.

A catalytic amount of platinum (IV) oxide was added to a solution of 1-(4-aminobutyl)-2-butyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-c]quinolin-4-amine (2.2 g, 7.06 mmol) in trifluoroacetic acid (200 mL). The reaction mixture was hydrogenated at 50 psi (3.44 X 10^5 Pa) on a Parr apparatus for 6 days.. The reaction mixture was filtered to remove the catalyst and the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum. The residue was combined with 1 N hydrochloric acid (100 mL) and heated on a steam bath for 2 hours. The mixture was

cooled, made basic with ammonium hydroxide and then extracted with dichloromethane. The extract was concentrated under vacuum to provide of 1-(4-aminobutyl)-2-butyl-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro -1*H*-imidazo[4,5-c]quinolin-4-amine as a solid, m.p. 63-67°C

A catalytic amount of platinum (IV) oxide was added to a solution of 1-(4-aminobutyl)-2-methoxyethyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-c]quinolin-4-amine (7.7 g, 24.5 mmol) in trifluoroacetic acid (250 mL). The reaction mixture was hydrogenated at 50 psi (3.44 X 10^5 Pa) on a Parr apparatus. The progress of the reaction was monitored by LC/MS. Additional catalyst was added 7, 11, and 17 days after the start of the reaction. After 25 days the reaction was complete. The reaction mixture was filtered through a layer of Celite® filter aid to remove the catalyst and the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum. The residue was combined with 1 N hydrochloric acid (100 mL) and stirred overnight. The mixture was made basic (pH = 11) with ammonium hydroxide and then extracted with dichloromethane (3 X 300 mL). The extracts were combined and concentrated under vacuum to provide 3.5 g of 1-(4-aminobutyl)-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-2-methoxyethyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-c]quinolin-4-amine as a solid.

Part B

The tetrahydroimidazoquinoline amines from Part A were reacted with the appropriate isocyanate or sulfonyl isocyanate using the general method of Examples 53 - 66 above to provide the trifluoroacetate salt of the desired urea or sulfonyl urea.

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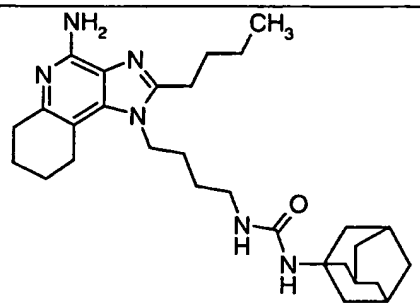
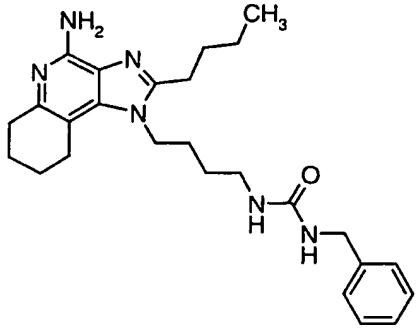
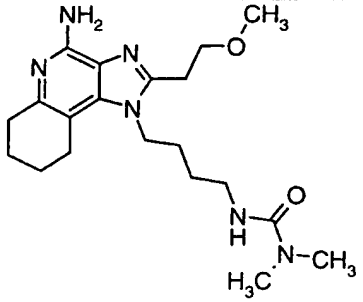
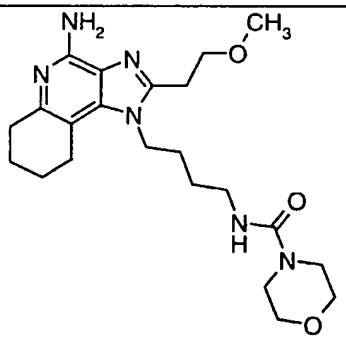
132		493.20
133		449.2
134		389.2
135		431.2

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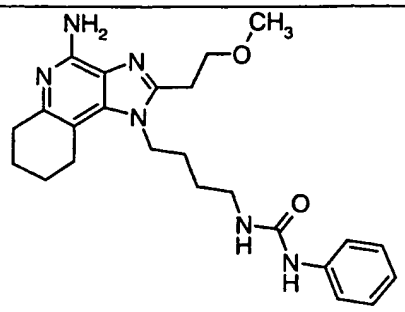
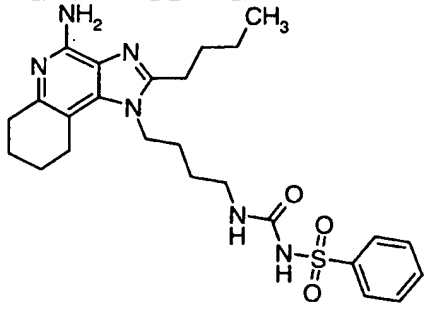
136		437.2
137		499.1

Examples 138 - 140

The examples in the table below were prepared according to the synthetic method of Reaction Scheme VI above using the following procedure. The 1*H*-imidazo[4,5-c]quinolin-4-amine (50 mg), dichloromethane (2 mL) and the sulfonylisocyanate (1.3 eq) were placed in a 2 dram (7.4 mL) vial. The vial was placed on a shaker at ambient temperature. The reaction mixture was analyzed by LC/MS to confirm the formation of the desired product. The solvent was removed and the residue was purified by semi-preparative HPLC (Capcell Pak C18 column, 35 mm x 20 mm, 5 micron particle size, 20 mL/min., gradient elution from 5-95% B in 10 min., hold at 95% B for 2 min., where A=0.1 % trifluoroacetic acid/water and B=0.1 % trifluoroacetic acid/acetonitrile, peak detection at 254 nm for triggering fraction collection). The semi-prep HPLC fractions were analyzed by LC-APCI/MS and the appropriate fractions were combined and lyophilized to provide the trifluoroacetate salt of the desired sulfonylurea.

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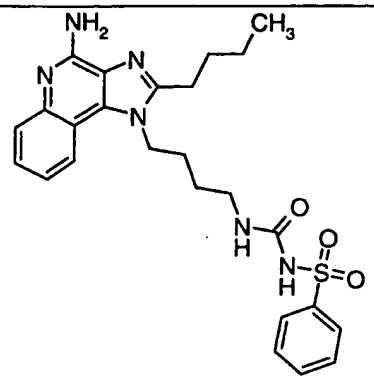
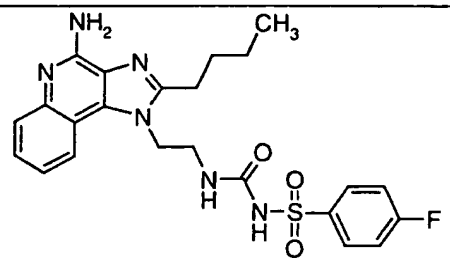
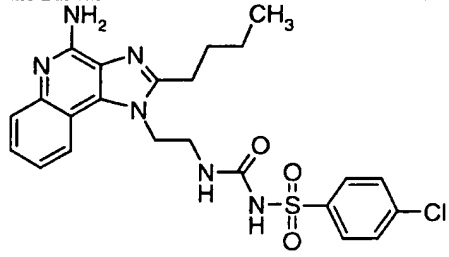
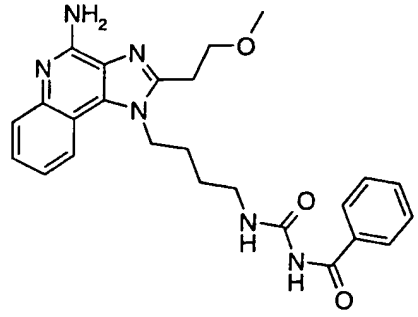
138		495.2
139		485.0
140		501.0, 503.0

Example 141

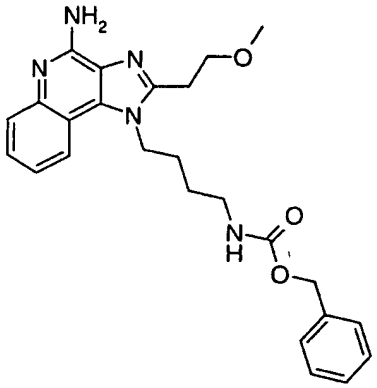
N^1-{4-[4-Amino-2-(2-methoxyethyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl]butyl}-N^3-benzoylurea Trifluoroacetate



This compound was prepared according to the synthetic method of Reaction Scheme V above. The 1-(4-aminobutyl)-2-(2-methoxyethyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-c]quinolin-4-amine (50 mg), dichloromethane (2 mL) and benzoylisocyanate (1.1 eq) were placed in a 2 dram (7.4 mL) vial. The vial was placed on a shaker for 2 hours at ambient temperature. The reaction mixture was analyzed by LC/MS to confirm the formation of the desired product. The solvent was removed and the residue was purified by semi-preparative HPLC (Capcell Pak C18 column, 35 mm x 20 mm, 5 micron particle size, 20 mL/min., gradient elution from 5-95% B in 10 min., hold at 95% B for 2 min., where A=0.1 % trifluoroacetic acid/water and B=0.1 % trifluoroacetic acid/acetonitrile, peak detection at 254 nm for triggering fraction collection). The semi-prep HPLC fractions were analyzed by LC-APCI/MS and the appropriate fractions were combined and lyophilized to provide the trifluoroacetate salt of the desired compound. MS (APCI) m/e 461.2 (M+H).

Example 142

N-{4-[4-Amino-2-(2-methoxyethyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl]butyl} carbamate Trifluoroacetate



This compound was prepared according to the synthetic method of Reaction Scheme IV above. The 1-(4-aminobutyl)-2-(2-methoxyethyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-c]quinolin-4-amine (50 mg), diisopropylethylamine (1.2 eq.), dichloromethane (2 mL) and benzyl chloroformate (1.1 eq) were placed in a 2 dram (7.4 mL) vial. The vial was placed on a shaker for 2 hours at ambient temperature. The reaction mixture was analyzed by LC/MS to confirm the formation of the desired product. The solvent was removed and the residue was purified by semi-preparative HPLC (Capcell Pak C18 column, 35 mm x 20 mm, 5

micron particle size, 20 mL/min., gradient elution from 5-95% B in 10 min., hold at 95% B for 2 min., where A=0.1 % trifluoroacetic acid/water and B=0.1 % trifluoroacetic acid/acetonitrile, peak detection at 254 nm for triggering fraction collection). The semi-prep HPLC fractions were analyzed by LC-APCI/MS and the appropriate fractions were combined and lyophilized to provide the trifluoroacetate salt of the desired compound. MS (APCI) m/e 448.2 (M+H).

CYTOKINE INDUCTION IN HUMAN CELLS

An in vitro human blood cell system was used to assess cytokine induction by compounds of the invention. Activity is based on the measurement of interferon and tumor necrosis factor (α) (IFN and TNF, respectively) secreted into culture media as described by Testerman et. al. In "Cytokine Induction by the Immunomodulators Imiquimod and S-27609", Journal of Leukocyte Biology, **58**, 365-372 (September, 1995).

Blood Cell Preparation for Culture

Whole blood is collected by venipuncture into EDTA vacutainer tubes from healthy human donors. Peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs) are separated from whole blood by density gradient centrifugation using Histopaque®-1077 (Sigma Chemicals, St. Louis, MO). The PBMCs are suspended at 3-4 x 10^6 cells/mL in RPMI 1640 medium containing 10 % fetal bovine serum, 2 mM L-glutamine and 1% penicillin/streptomycin solution (RPMI complete). The PBMC suspension is added to 48 well flat bottom sterile tissue culture plates (Costar, Cambridge, MA or Becton Dickinson Labware, Lincoln Park, NJ) containing an equal volume of RPMI complete media containing test compound.

Compound Preparation

The compounds are solubilized in dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO). The DMSO concentration should not exceed a final concentration of 1% for addition to the culture wells.

Incubation

The solution of test compound is added at 60 μM to the first well containing RPMI complete and serial (three fold or ten fold) dilutions are made. The PBMC suspension is then added to the wells in an equal volume, bringing the test compound concentrations to the desired range. The final concentration of PBMC suspension is 1.5–2 X 10^6 cells/mL. The plates are covered with sterile plastic lids, mixed gently and then incubated for 18 to 24 hours at 37°C in a 5% carbon dioxide atmosphere.

Separation

Following incubation the plates are centrifuged for 5-10 minutes at 1000 rpm (~200 x g) at 4°C. The cell culture supernatant is removed with a sterile polypropylene pipet and transferred to sterile polypropylene tubes. Samples are maintained at –30 to -70°C until analysis. The samples are analyzed for interferon (α) and tumor necrosis factor (α) by ELISA

Interferon (α) and Tumor Necrosis Factor (α) Analysis by ELISA

Interferon (α) concentration is determined by ELISA using a Human Multi-Species kit from PBL Biomedical Laboratories, New Brunswick, NJ.

Tumor necrosis factor (α) (TNF)concentration is determined using ELISA kits available from Genzyme, Cambridge, MA; R&D Systems, Minneapolis, MN; or Pharmingen, San Diego, CA.

The table below lists the lowest concentration found to induce interferon and the lowest concentration found to induce tumor necrosis factor for each compound. A "**" indicates that no induction was seen at any of the tested concentrations (0.12, 0.37, 1.11, 3.33, 10 and 30 μM). A "***" indicates that no induction was seen at any of the tested concentrations (0.0001, 0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 1 and 10 μM).

Cytokine Induction in Human Cells		
Example Number	Lowest Effective Concentration (μM)	
	Interferon	Tumor Necrosis Factor
2	0.37	3.33
16	1.11	10

Cytokine Induction in Human Cells		
Example Number	Lowest Effective Concentration (μM)	
	Interferon	Tumor Necrosis Factor
2	0.37	3.33
4	**	**
17	**	30
19	1.11	30
20	1.11	30
21	**	**
22	**	10
23	**	10
24	**	**
25	3.33	**
26	10	**
27	**	**
28	1.11	3.33
29	**	10
30	3.33	30
31	**	10
32	10	10
33	**	**
34	**	**
35	1.11	10
36	1.11	10
37	1.11	10
38	**	**
39	1.11	10
40	0.37	3.33
41	1.11	10
42	**	**
43	**	**

Cytokine Induction in Human Cells		
Example Number	Lowest Effective Concentration (μM)	
	Interferon	Tumor Necrosis Factor
44	1.11	10
45	3.33	**
46	1.11	3.33
1	3.33	30
47	3.33	10
48	0.37	3.33
49	3.33	3.33
50	**	**
51	30	30
52	1.11	10
6	0.37	**
5	3.33	**
67	1	10
69	0.1	1
68	1	1
137	1	10
132	0.01	1
133	0.1	10
53	***	10
54	***	10
55	1	1
56	1	1
139	***	***
140	10	***
100	0.001	10
125	0.0001	10
126	0.0001	1
127	0.0001	1

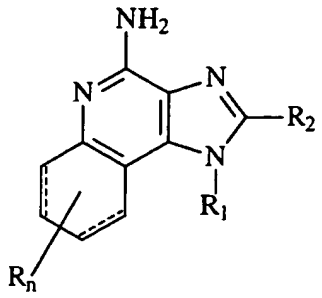
Cytokine Induction in Human Cells		
Example Number	Lowest Effective Concentration (μM)	
	Interferon	Tumor Necrosis Factor
120	0.0001	0.01
121	0.01	10
122	0.001	1
71	0.001	1
81	0.01	1
82	0.01	0.1
83	0.1	1
84	0.1	1
85	0.001	0.1
86	0.1	1
87	1	***
88	0.1	1
89	0.1	10
101	0.01	1
102	0.001	1
103	0.0001	0.1
104	0.0001	1
105	0.001	1
106	0.0001	1
107	0.0001	1
108	0.0001	0.0001
109	0.0001	0.1
141	***	10
110	0.001	1
111	0.001	1
112	0.0001	0.1
113	0.0001	1
114	0.0001	0.01

Cytokine Induction in Human Cells		
Example Number	Lowest Effective Concentration (μM)	
	Interferon	Tumor Necrosis Factor
115	0.0001	1
116	0.0001	1
117	10	10
118	10	10
119	10	10
142	0.0001	0.1
134	0.001	1
135	0.01	10
136	0.0001	1

The present invention has been described with reference to several embodiments thereof. The foregoing detailed description and examples have been provided for clarity of understanding only, and no unnecessary limitations are to be understood therefrom. It will be apparent to those skilled in the art that many changes can be made to the described embodiments without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention. Thus, the scope of the invention should not be limited to the exact details of the compositions and structures described herein, but rather by the language of the claims that follow.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A compound of the formula (I):



(I)

wherein

R_1 is -alkyl-NR_3-CY-NR_5-X-R_4 or -alkenyl-NR_3-CY- NR_5-X- R_4 wherein

Y is =O or =S;

X is a bond, -CO- or $-SO_2$-;

R_4 is aryl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, alkyl or alkenyl, each of which may be unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of:

-alkyl;

-alkenyl;

-aryl;

-heteroaryl;

-heterocyclyl;

-substituted aryl;

-substituted heteroaryl;

-substituted heterocyclyl;

-O-alkyl;

-O-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-aryl;

-O-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-substituted aryl;

-O-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-heteroaryl;

-O-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-substituted heteroaryl;

-O-(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-heterocyclyl;

-O-(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-substituted heterocyclyl;

-COOH;

-CO-O-alkyl;

-CO-alkyl;

-S(O)$_{0-2}$-alkyl;

-S(O)$_{0-2}$–(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-aryl;

-S(O)$_{0-2}$–(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-substituted aryl;

-S(O)$_{0-2}$–(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-heteroaryl;

-S(O)$_{0-2}$–(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-substituted heteroaryl;

-S(O)$_{0-2}$–(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-heterocyclyl;

-S(O)$_{0-2}$–(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-substituted heterocyclyl;

-(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-NR_3R_3;

-(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-O-alkyl;

-(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-alkyl;

-(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-aryl;

-(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-substituted aryl;

-(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-heteroaryl;

-(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-substituted heteroaryl;

-N_3;

-halogen;

-haloalkyl;

-haloalkoxy;

-CO-haloalkoxy;

-NO_2;

-CN;

-OH;

-SH; and, in the case of alkyl, alkenyl or heterocyclyl, oxo;

with the proviso that when X is a bond R_4 can additionally be hydrogen;

R_2 is selected from the group consisting of:

-hydrogen;

-alkyl;

-alkenyl;

-aryl;

-substituted aryl;

-heteroaryl;

-substituted heteroaryl;

- alkyl -O-alkyl;

-alkyl-O- alkenyl; and

- alkyl or alkenyl substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of:

-OH;

-halogen;

-$N(R_3)_2$;

-$CO\text{-}N(R_3)_2$;

-$CO\text{-}C_{1\text{-}10}$ alkyl;

-$CO\text{-}O\text{-}C_{1\text{-}10}$ alkyl;

-N_3;

-aryl;

-substituted aryl;

-heteroaryl;

-substituted heteroaryl;

-heterocyclyl;

-substituted heterocyclyl;

-CO-aryl;

-CO-(substituted aryl);

-CO-heteroaryl; and

-CO-(substituted heteroaryl);

each $\mathbf{R_3}$ is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and $C_{1\text{-}10}$ alkyl;

$\mathbf{R_5}$ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and $C_{1\text{-}10}$ alkyl, or $\mathbf{R_4}$ and $\mathbf{R_5}$ can combine to form a 3 to 7 membered heterocyclic or substituted heterocyclic ring;

n is 0 to 4 and each **R** present is independently selected from the group consisting of $C_{1\text{-}10}$ alkyl, $C_{1\text{-}10}$ alkoxy, halogen and trifluoromethyl,

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. A compound of claim 1 wherein X is a bond and Y is =O.

3. A compound of claim 2 wherein n is 0.

4. A compound of claim 2 wherein R_3 is hydrogen.

5. A compound of claim 2 wherein R_1 is $-(CH_2)_{2-4}-NR_3-CO-NR_5-R_4$.

6. A compound of claim 2 wherein R_2 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen; alkyl; alkyl-O-alkyl; $(alkyl)_{0-1}$ aryl, $(alkyl)_{0-1}$-(substituted aryl); $(alkyl)_{0-1}$-heteroaryl; and $(alkyl)_{0-1}$-(substituted heteroaryl).

7. A compound of claim 2 wherein R_2 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_{1-4}alkyl, and C_{1-4}alkyl-O- C_{1-4}alkyl.

8. A compound of claim 2 wherein R_4 is alkyl, phenyl or pyridyl, which may be unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of:

-alkyl;
-alkenyl;
-aryl;
-heteroaryl;
-heterocyclyl;
-substituted aryl;
-substituted heteroaryl;
-substituted heterocyclyl;
-O-alkyl;
-O-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-aryl;
-O-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-substituted aryl;
-O-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-heteroaryl;

-O-(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-substituted heteroaryl;

-O-(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-heterocyclyl;

-O-(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-substituted heterocyclyl;

-COOH;

-CO-O-alkyl;

-CO-alkyl;

-S(O)$_{0-2}$-alkyl;

-S(O)$_{0-2}$–(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-aryl;

-S(O)$_{0-2}$–(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-substituted aryl;

-S(O)$_{0-2}$–(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-heteroaryl;

-S(O)$_{0-2}$–(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-substituted heteroaryl;

-S(O)$_{0-2}$–(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-heterocyclyl;

-S(O)$_{0-2}$–(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-substituted heterocyclyl;

-(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-NR_3R_3;

-(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-O-alkyl;

-(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-alkyl;

-(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-aryl;

-(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-substituted aryl;

-(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-heteroaryl;

-(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-substituted heteroaryl;

-N_3;

-halogen;

-haloalkyl;

-haloalkoxy;

-CO-haloalkoxy;

-NO_2;

-CN;

-OH;

-SH; and, in the case of alkyl, oxo.

9. A compound of claim 2 wherein R_4 is phenyl that is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of methyl, methoxy, halogen, nitrile, nitro, trifluoromethyl, and trifluoromethoxy.

10. A compound of claim 2 wherein R_4 and R_5 combine to form a 3 to 7 membered substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic ring.

11. A compound of claim 2 wherein R_4 and R_5 combine to form a substituted or unsubstituted pyrrolidine or morpholine ring.

12. A compound of claim 1 wherein X is a bond and Y is =S.

13. A compound of claim 12 wherein n is 0.

14. A compound of claim 12 wherein R_3 is hydrogen.

15. A compound of claim 12 wherein R_1 is $-(CH_2)_{2-4}-NR_3-CO-NR_5-R_4$.

16. A compound of claim 12 wherein R_2 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen; alkyl; alkyl-O-alkyl; $(alkyl)_{0-1}$ aryl, $(alkyl)_{0-1}$-(substituted aryl); $(alkyl)_{0-1}$-heteroaryl; and $(alkyl)_{0-1}$-(substituted heteroaryl).

17. A compound of claim 12 wherein R_2 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_{1-4}alkyl, and C_{1-4}alkyl-O- C_{1-4}alkyl.

18. A compound of claim 12 wherein R_4 is alkyl, phenyl, or pyridyl, which may be unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of:

-alkyl;
-alkenyl;
-aryl;
-heteroaryl;

-heterocyclyl;

-substituted aryl;

-substituted heteroaryl;

-substituted heterocyclyl;

-O-alkyl;

-O-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-aryl;

-O-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-substituted aryl;

-O-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-heteroaryl;

-O-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-substituted heteroaryl;

-O-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-heterocyclyl;

-O-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-substituted heterocyclyl;

-COOH;

-CO-O-alkyl;

-CO-alkyl;

-$S(O)_{0-2}$-alkyl;

-$S(O)_{0-2}$–$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-aryl;

-$S(O)_{0-2}$–$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-substituted aryl;

-$S(O)_{0-2}$–$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-heteroaryl;

-$S(O)_{0-2}$–$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-substituted heteroaryl;

-$S(O)_{0-2}$–$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-heterocyclyl;

-$S(O)_{0-2}$–$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-substituted heterocyclyl;

-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-NR_3R_3;

-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-O-alkyl;

-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-alkyl;

-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-aryl;

-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-substituted aryl;

-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-heteroaryl;

-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-substituted heteroaryl;

-N_3;

-halogen;

-haloalkyl;

-haloalkoxy;

-CO-haloalkoxy;

$-NO_2$;

-CN;

-OH;

-SH; and, in the case of alkyl, oxo.

19. A compound of claim 12 wherein R_4 is phenyl that is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of methyl, methoxy, halogen, nitrile, nitro, trifluoromethyl, and trifluoromethoxy.

20. A compound of claim 12 wherein R_4 and R_5 combine to form a 3 to 7 membered substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic ring.

21. A compound of claim 12 wherein R_4 and R_5 combine to form a substituted or unsubstituted pyrrolidine or morpholine ring.

22. A compound of claim 1 wherein X is a bond and R_4 is hydrogen.

23. A compound of claim 1 wherein Y is = O and X is –CO-.

24. A compound of claim 23 wherein n is 0.

25. A compound of claim 23 wherein R_3 is hydrogen.

26. A compound of claim 23 wherein R_1 is $-(CH_2)_{2-4}-NR_3-CO-NR_5-CO-R_4$.

27. A compound of claim 23 wherein R_2 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen; alkyl; alkyl-O-alkyl; $(alkyl)_{0-1}$ aryl, $(alkyl)_{0-1}$-(substituted aryl); $(alkyl)_{0-1}$-heteroaryl; and $(alkyl)_{0-1}$-(substituted heteroaryl).

28. A compound of claim 23 wherein R_2 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_{1-4}alkyl, and C_{1-4}alkyl-O- C_{1-4}alkyl.

29. A compound of claim 23 wherein R_4 is alkyl, phenyl, or pyridyl, which may be unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of:

-alkyl;
-alkenyl;
-aryl;
-heteroaryl;
-heterocyclyl;
-substituted aryl;
-substituted heteroaryl;
-substituted heterocyclyl;
-O-alkyl;
-O-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-aryl;
-O-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-substituted aryl;
-O-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-heteroaryl;
-O-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-substituted heteroaryl;
-O-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-heterocyclyl;
-O-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-substituted heterocyclyl;
-COOH;
-CO-O-alkyl;
-CO-alkyl;
-$S(O)_{0-2}$-alkyl;
-$S(O)_{0-2}$–$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-aryl;
-$S(O)_{0-2}$–$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-substituted aryl;
-$S(O)_{0-2}$–$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-heteroaryl;
-$S(O)_{0-2}$–$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-substituted heteroaryl;
-$S(O)_{0-2}$–$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-heterocyclyl;
-$S(O)_{0-2}$–$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-substituted heterocyclyl;
-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-NR_3R_3;
-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-O-alkyl;
-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-alkyl;

-(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-aryl;
-(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-substituted aryl;
-(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-heteroaryl;
-(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-substituted heteroaryl;
-N_3;
-halogen;
-haloalkyl;
-haloalkoxy;
-CO-haloalkoxy;
-NO_2;
-CN;
-OH;
-SH; and, in the case of alkyl, oxo.

30. A compound of claim 23 wherein R_4 is phenyl that is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of methyl, methoxy, halogen, nitrile, nitro, trifluoromethyl, and trifluoromethoxy.

31. A compound of claim 23 wherein R_4 and R_5 combine to form a 3 to 7 membered substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic ring.

32. A compound of claim 23 wherein R_4 and R_5 combine to form a substituted or unsubstituted pyrrolidine or morpholine ring.

33. A compound of claim 1 wherein Y is=O and X is $-SO_2-$.

34. A compound of claim 33 wherein n is 0.

35. A compound of claim 33 wherein R_3 is hydrogen.

36. A compound of claim 33 wherein R_1 is $-(CH_2)_{2-4}-NR_3-CO-NR_5-SO_2-R_4$.

37. A compound of claim 33 wherein R_2 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen; alkyl; alkyl-O-alkyl; $(alkyl)_{0-1}$ aryl, $(alkyl)_{0-1}$-(substituted aryl); $(alkyl)_{0-1}$-heteroaryl; and $(alkyl)_{0-1}$-(substituted heteroaryl).

38. A compound of claim 33 wherein R_2 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_{1-4}alkyl, and C_{1-4}alkyl-O- C_{1-4}alkyl.

39. A compound of claim 33 wherein R_4 is alkyl or phenyl, which may be unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of:

-alkyl;
-alkenyl;
-aryl;
-heteroaryl;
-heterocyclyl;
-substituted aryl;
-substituted heteroaryl;
-substituted heterocyclyl;
-O-alkyl;
-O-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-aryl;
-O-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-substituted aryl;
-O-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-heteroaryl;
-O-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-substituted heteroaryl;
-O-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-heterocyclyl;
-O-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-substituted heterocyclyl;
-COOH;
-CO-O-alkyl;
-CO-alkyl;
-$S(O)_{0-2}$-alkyl;
-$S(O)_{0-2}$–$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-aryl;
-$S(O)_{0-2}$–$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-substituted aryl;
-$S(O)_{0-2}$–$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-heteroaryl;

-$S(O)_{0-2}$–(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-substituted heteroaryl;
-$S(O)_{0-2}$–(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-heterocyclyl;
-$S(O)_{0-2}$–(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-substituted heterocyclyl;
-(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-NR_3R_3;
-(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-O-alkyl;
-(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-alkyl;
-(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-aryl;
-(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-substituted aryl;
-(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-heteroaryl;
-(alkyl)$_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-substituted heteroaryl;
-N_3;
-halogen;
-haloalkyl;
-haloalkoxy;
-CO-haloalkoxy;
-NO_2;
-CN;
-OH;
-SH; and, in the case of alkyl, oxo.

40. A compound of claim 33 wherein R_4 is phenyl that is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of methyl, methoxy, halogen, nitrile, nitro, trifluoromethyl, and trifluoromethoxy.

41. A compound of claim 33 wherein R_4 and R_5 combine to form a 3 to 7 membered substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic ring.

42. A compound of claim 33 wherein R_4 and R_5 combine to form a substituted or unsubstituted pyrrolidine or morpholine ring.

43. A compound of claim 1 wherein the dashed bonds are absent.

44. A compound of claim 2 wherein the dashed bonds are absent.

45. A compound of claim 12 wherein the dashed bonds are absent.

46. A compound of claim 23 wherein the dashed bonds are absent.

47. A compound of claim 33 wherein the dashed bonds are absent.

48. A compound selected from the group consisting of:

N-[4-(4-amino-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)butyl]-N'-benzylurea;
N-[4-(4-amino-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)butyl]-N'-butylurea;
N-[4-(4-amino-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)butyl]-N'-(2-ethylphenyl)urea;
N-[4-(4-amino-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)butyl]-N'-cyclohexylurea;
N'-[4-(4-amino-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)butyl]-N-methyl-N-phenylurea;
N-[2-(4-amino-2-butyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)ethyl]-N'-phenylurea;
N-[2-(4-amino-2-butyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)ethyl]-N'-(4-phenoxyphenyl)urea;
N-[2-(4-amino-2-butyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)ethyl]-N'-benzylurea;
N-[2-(4-amino-2-butyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)ethyl]-N'-propylurea;
N-{2-[4-amino-2-(ethoxymethyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl]ethyl}-N'-propylurea;
N{-2-[4-amino-2-(ethoxymethyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl]ethyl}-N'-phenylurea;
N-{2-[4-amino-2-(ethoxymethyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl]ethyl}-N'-cyclohexylurea;
N-{2-[4-amino-2-(ethoxymethyl)-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl]ethyl}-N'-cyclohexylurea;
N-{2-[4-amino-2-(ethoxymethyl)-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl]ethyl}-N'-phenylurea;
N-[4-(4-amino-2-butyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)butyl]-N'-propylurea;
N-[4-(4-amino-2-butyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)butyl]-N'-[(1S)-1-

phenylethyl]urea;

N-[4-(4-amino-2-butyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)butyl]-N'-[(1R)-1-phenylethyl]urea;

N-[4-(4-amino-2-butyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)butyl]-N'-(2-methoxyphenyl)urea;

N-(4-acetylphenyl)-N'-[4-(4-amino-2-butyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)butyl]urea;

N-[4-(4-amino-2-butyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)butyl]-N'-[4-(dimethylamino)phenyl]urea;

N-[4-(4-amino-2-butyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)butyl]-N'-(4-methoxybenzyl)urea;

N-{4-[4-amino-2-(2-methoxyethyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl]butyl}-N'-propylurea;

N-{4-[4-amino-2-(2-methoxyethyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl]butyl}-N'-phenylurea;

N-{4-[4-amino-2-(2-methoxyethyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl]butyl}-N'-cyclohexylurea;

N-{4-[4-amino-2-(2-methoxyethyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl]butyl]-N'-(3-methylphenyl)urea;

N-{4-[4-amino-2-(2-methoxyethyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl]butyl}-N'-(3-fluorophenyl)urea;

N4-4-[4-amino-2-(2-methoxyethyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl]butyl-4-morpholinecarboxamide;

N-{4-[4-amino-2-(4-methoxybenzyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl]butyl}-N'-propylurea;

N-{4-[4-amino-2-(4-methoxybenzyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl]butyl}-N'-phenylurea; and

N-{4-[4-amino-2-(4-methoxybenzyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl]butyl}-N'-(3-pyridyl)urea.

49. A compound selected from the group consisting of:

N-[4-(4-amino-2-butyl-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)butyl]-N'-benzylurea;

N'-{4-[4-amino-2-(2-methoxyethyl)-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl]butyl}-N,N-dimethylurea;

N^4-{4-[4-amino-2-(2-methoxyethyl)-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl]butyl}-4-morpholinecarboxamide; and

N-{4-[4-amino-2-(2-methoxyethyl)-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl]butyl}-N'-phenylurea.

50. A compound selected from the group consisting of:

N-{2-[4-amino-2-(ethoxymethyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)ethyl}-N'-cyclohexylthiourea;

N-[4-(4-amino-2-butyl-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)butyl]-N'-cyclohexylthiourea;

N-{4-[4-amino-2-(2-methoxyethyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl]butyl}-N'-(3-pyridyl)thiourea;

N-{4-[4-amino-2-(2-methoxyethyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl]butyl}-N'-(4-(dimethylamino)-1-naphthyl)thiourea;

N-{4-[4-amino-2-(2-methoxyethyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl]butyl}-N'-propylthiourea;

N-{4-[4-amino-2-(2-methoxyethyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl]butyl}-N'-phenylthiourea;

N-{4-[4-amino-2-(2-methoxyethyl)-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl]butyl}-N'-phenylthiourea;

N-allyl-N'-{4-[4-amino-2-(2-methoxyethyl)-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl]butyl}thiourea;

N-{4-[4-amino-2-(2-methoxyethyl)-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl]butyl}-N'-(tert-butyl)thiourea;

N-{4-[4-amino-2-(2-methoxyethyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl]butyl}-N'-(1-naphthyl)thiourea;

N-{4-[4-amino-2-(2-methoxyethyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl]butyl}-

N'-(tert-butyl)thiourea; and

N-allyl-N'-{4-[4-amino-2-(2-methoxyethyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl]butyl}thiourea.

51. A compound selected from the group consisting of:

4-amino-2-butyl-1-[4-({[(phenylsulfonyl)amino]carbonyl}amino)butyl]-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinoline;

4-amino-2-butyl-1-[4-({[(phenylsulfonyl)amino]carbonyl}amino)butyl]-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinoline;

4-amino-2-butyl-1-{4-[({[(4-fluorophenyl)sulfonyl]amino}carbonyl)amino]butyl}-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinoline;

4-amino-2-butyl-1-{4-[({[(4-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl]amino}carbonyl)amino]butyl}-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinoline;

4-amino-2-butyl-1-{4-[({[(4-ethylphenyl)sulfonyl]amino}carbonyl)amino]butyl}-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinoline;

4-amino-2-(2-methoxyethyl)-1-{4-[({[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]amino}carbonyl)amino]butyl}-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinoline;

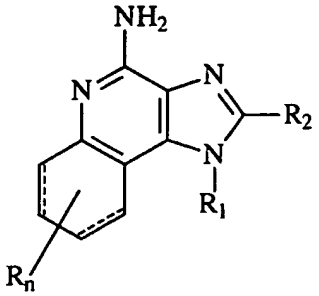
4-amino-2-(2-methoxyethyl)-1-[4-({[(phenylsulfonyl)amino]carbonyl}amino)butyl]-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinoline;

4-amino-2-(ethoxymethyl)-1-[2-({[(phenylsulfonyl)amino]carbonyl}amino)ethyl]-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinoline;

4-amino-2-butyl-1-{2-[({[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]amino}carbonyl)amino]ethyl}-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinoline; and

4-amino-2-butyl-1-{2-[({[(4-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl]amino}carbonyl)amino]ethyl}-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinoline.

52. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of the formula Ia:



(Ia)

wherein

R_1 is -alkyl-NR_3-CO-O-R_4 or -alkenyl-NR_3-CO- O- R_4;

R_4 is aryl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, alkyl or alkenyl, each of which may be unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of:

-alkyl;

-alkenyl;

-aryl;

-heteroaryl;

-heterocyclyl;

-substituted aryl;

-substituted heteroaryl;

-substituted heterocyclyl;

-O-alkyl;

-O-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-aryl;

-O-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-substituted aryl;

-O-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-heteroaryl;

-O-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-substituted heteroaryl;

-O-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-heterocyclyl;

-O-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-substituted heterocyclyl;

-COOH;

-CO-O-alkyl;

-CO-alkyl;

-$S(O)_{0-2}$ -alkyl;

-$S(O)_{0-2}$–$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-aryl;

-$S(O)_{0-2}$–$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-substituted aryl;

-$S(O)_{0-2}$–$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-heteroaryl;

-$S(O)_{0-2}$–$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-substituted heteroaryl;

-$S(O)_{0-2}$–$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-heterocyclyl;

-$S(O)_{0-2}$–$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-substituted heterocyclyl;

-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-NR_3R_3;

-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-O-alkyl;

-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-alkyl;

-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-aryl;

-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-substituted aryl;

-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-heteroaryl;

-$(alkyl)_{0-1}$-NR_3-CO-substituted heteroaryl;

-N_3;

-halogen;

-haloalkyl;

-haloalkoxy;

-CO-haloalkoxy;

-NO_2;

-CN;

-OH;

-SH; and, in the case of alkyl, alkenyl, or heterocyclyl, oxo;

R_2 is selected from the group consisting of:

-hydrogen;

-alkyl;

-alkenyl;

-aryl;

-substituted aryl;

-heteroaryl;

-substituted heteroaryl;

- alkyl -O-alkyl;

-alkyl-O- alkenyl; and

- alkyl or alkenyl substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of:

-OH;

-halogen;

-$N(R_3)_2$;

-CO-$N(R_3)_2$;

-CO-C_{1-10} alkyl;

-CO-O-C_{1-10} alkyl;

-N_3;

-aryl;

-substituted aryl;

-heteroaryl;

-substituted heteroaryl;

-heterocyclyl;

-substituted heterocyclyl;

-CO-aryl;

-CO-(substituted aryl);

-CO-heteroaryl; and

-CO-(substituted heteroaryl);

each $\mathbf{R_3}$ is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C_{1-10} alkyl;

n is 0 to 4 and each **R** present is independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-10} alkyl, C_{1-10} alkoxy, halogen and trifluoromethyl,

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

53. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 1 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

54. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 2 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

55. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 12 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

56. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 23 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

57. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 33 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

58. A method of inducing cytokine biosynthesis in an animal comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 1 to the animal.

59. A method of treating a viral disease in an animal comprising administering an effective amount of a compound of claim 1 to the animal.

60. A method of treating a neoplastic disease in an animal comprising administering an effective amount of a compound of claim 1 to the animal.

61. A method of inducing cytokine biosynthesis in an animal comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 2 to the animal.

62. A method of treating a viral disease in an animal comprising administering an effective amount of a compound of claim 2 to the animal.

63. A method of treating a neoplastic disease in an animal comprising administering an effective amount of a compound of claim 2 to the animal.

64. A method of inducing cytokine biosynthesis in an animal comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 12 to the animal.

65. A method of treating a viral disease in an animal comprising administering an effective amount of a compound of claim 12 to the animal.

66. A method of treating a neoplastic disease in an animal comprising administering an effective amount of a compound of claim 12 to the animal.

67. A method of inducing cytokine biosynthesis in an animal comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 23 to the animal.

68. A method of treating a viral disease in an animal comprising administering an effective amount of a compound of claim 23 to the animal.

69. A method of treating a neoplastic disease in an animal comprising administering an effective amount of a compound of claim 23 to the animal.

70. A method of inducing cytokine biosynthesis in an animal comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 33 to the animal.

71. A method of treating a viral disease in an animal comprising administering an effective amount of a compound of claim 33 to the animal.

72. A method of treating a neoplastic disease in an animal comprising administering an effective amount of a compound of claim 33 to the animal.

73. A method of inducing cytokine biosynthesis in an animal comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a composition of claim 52 to the animal.

74. A method of treating a viral disease in an animal comprising administering an effective amount of a composition of claim 52 to the animal.

75. A method of treating a neoplastic disease in an animal comprising administering an effective amount of a composition of claim 52 to the animal.

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